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## STRUMITZA VALLEY THRUST

Germans Seeking Access To Vardar Valley

SERBIAN  
DEFENCES  
TRIUMPHBelgrade radio broad-  
cast a Yugoslav High  
Command communique  
last night stating:"On all fronts the situation is  
in our favour. Enemy attacks  
have been repulsed with the  
greatest vigour.""This is even admitted by the  
enemy radio station.""Heavy losses were inflicted on  
the enemy.""Our air force achieved special  
distinction in encounters with the  
enemy."—Reuter.QUIET ROUND  
BRITISH COASTOne enemy fighter was  
shot down in the Channel  
yesterday.A few bombs were dropped on  
the East Anglian coast at midday,  
causing little damage and no cas-  
ualties, states the Air Ministry.There was no alert in London  
up to a late hour last night.—  
Reuter.MASSIVE RAIDS  
ON NAZI POSITIONS  
IN BULGARIAHEAVY RAIDS BY FORMATIONS OF  
R.A.F. BOMBERS ON ENEMY POSITIONS IN  
BULGARIA DURING THE NIGHT OF SUN-  
DAY ARE REPORTED IN A COMMUNIQUE  
ISSUED BY HEADQUARTERS OF THE BRI-  
TISH FORCES IN GREECE YESTERDAY.The communique says a railway junction  
and marshalling yards in Sofia were attacked  
successfully, direct hits causing many fires  
and explosions in the railway yards and indus-  
trial area.Railway trucks were seen to be  
hurled into the air, while lorries  
in the Struma Valley road were  
machine-gunned.Another formation bombed  
the railway station at Gorna  
Dumaya, where fires were  
started.At Simitli railway and road  
junction, a motor transport con-  
voy and troop concentrations  
were attacked.Bombs straddled the railway  
and road, exploding near some  
sheds and causing many fires.  
The motor transport convoy was

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

THE STATEMENT IN THE GREEK OFFI-  
CIAL COMMUNIQUE THAT THE YUGOSLAVS  
HAD FALLEN BACK ON THE GREEK LEFT  
WING, LEAVING IT "UNCOVERED," SUG-  
GESTS THE GERMANS ARE PURSUING THE  
SAME STRATEGY IN THE BALKANS AS IN  
FRANCE, WHERE THEIR DRIVE AGAINST  
THE "HINGE" OF THE FRENCH AND BEL-  
GIAN LINES FORCED A WEDGE BETWEEN  
THE NORTH AND SOUTH ALLIED ARMIES  
WITH RESULTS WHICH THE WORLD  
KNOWS.It would seem that the Germans are now  
attempting to establish themselves between  
the Greeks and Yugoslavs by a lateral thrust  
along the Strumitza Valley which, if success-  
ful, would give access to the Vardar Valley.It might even be push-  
ed to the Albanian bor-  
ders so as to link up with  
the Italians.But conditions in France were  
very different from those pre-  
vailing in Yugoslavia to-day. In  
France not only were there mag-  
nificent roads, which made travel  
and transport easy, but food and  
petrol were available at every vil-  
lage and every crossroad.In southern Serbia the roads  
are little better than tracks, and  
both petrol and supplies will  
have to be carried with the ad-  
vance.

## The Wedge

Also in France the wedge form-  
ed was so wide and strong that it  
was proof against Allied attempts  
to cut across it.In Yugoslavia its width is  
limit by the capacity of the road,  
which is indeed small.The Germans appear to have  
met with some initial success  
against the Serbs, and in the cir-  
cumstances this was to be expect-  
ed.EXPOSED TO THE WHIRL-  
WIND ATTACK OF NAZI ME-  
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QUATELY EQUIPPED WITH  
ANTI-TANK WEAPONS AND  
UNABLE TO COUNT ON EF-  
FECTIVE AIR SUPPORT, THE  
SERBIANS APPEAR TO HAVE  
HAD A CRUEL BAPTISM OF  
FIRE.But they are tough and full of  
fight, with marvellous recupera-  
tive powers. It is therefore too  
early to attach undue importance  
to German claims.—Reuter.

## Germans Wiped Out

Several hundred German troops  
attempting to move down the Nes-  
tos River in rubber boats were  
caught in the crossfire of Greek  
forces and wiped out, reports the  
Athens correspondent of the Inde-  
pendent French agency.In Monday's fighting the Ger-  
man attacks were held and the  
Greeks counter-attacked at se-  
veral points.

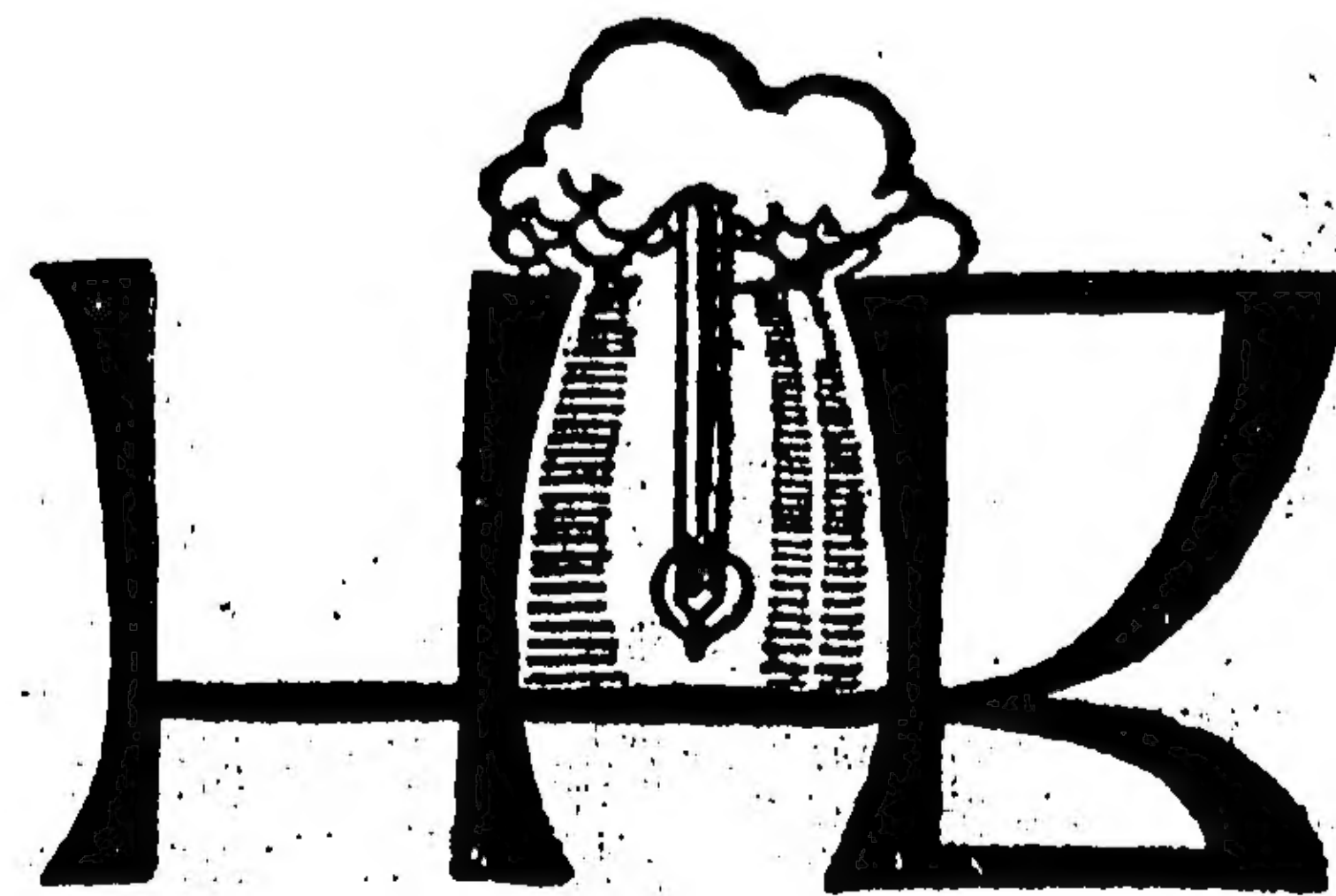
(Answer on Page 16)

GRAVE  
LEAK IN  
BLOCKADEStriking allegations  
about trade between  
France and the colonies  
were made by the Liberal  
M.P., Mr. Geoffrey Man-  
der, in the House of Com-  
mons yesterday.In a question he suggested that  
weekly crossings between France  
and Africa average 70, that ships  
pass Gibraltar from Dakar,  
Morocco, Indo-China and Antilles  
largely unchallenged, and that  
imports between October and  
February amounted to many tons  
of wine, meat, grain, peanut oil,  
fruit, fish, sugar, rum and cocoa.He wanted to know what the  
British Government was doing  
to prevent such articles reach-  
ing the enemy.MR. HUGH DALTON, MINIS-  
TER OF ECONOMIC WARFARE,  
WAS NOT PREPARED TO AC-  
CEPT ALL MR. MANDER'S  
STATEMENT AS ACCURATE  
BUT CONFESSED THE STATE  
OF AFFAIRS REFERRED TO  
GIVE GROUND FOR "GRAVE  
DISSATISFACTION."Mr. Dalton added Britain in no  
degree waived her belligerent  
rights.—Reuter.

## ENGLAND'S RAID CASUALTIES

Air raid casualties in Britain  
during March totalled 4,259 civi-  
lians killed and 5,557 injured and  
detained in hospital, the Minister  
of Home Security announced yes-  
terday.—Reuter.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!



# NAZI STRATEGY IN YUGOSLAVIA

## Endeavouring To Cut Communication Lines Weight Of Effort Concentrated On Bulgarian Borders

THE MAIN GERMAN DRIVE AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA IS AIMED AT THE VITAL COMMUNICATION CENTRES OF NISH AND SKIFOE, IN THE HOPE OF CUTTING THE YUGOSLAV ARMY IN TWO, ACCORDING TO USUALLY WELL-INFORMED SOURCES IN ANKARA YESTERDAY.

Another push is being made from Petrich, in the extreme south-western corner of Bulgaria, down the tributary of the Struma River towards Strumica, whence the Germans could thrust across country towards the valley of the Varda River.

### NO CHANGE IN HUNGARIAN POLICY

The Hungarian Government will pursue without change the policy of the late Count Teleki, declared the new Prime Minister, Dr. Barossy, addressing members of the Government Party, according to a Budapest telegram to the official French agency yesterday.

The Minister of Interior in Budapest announced that foreigners now in Hungary can only leave the country by obtaining a special permit. — Reuter.

### TRIBUTE TO QUO TAI-CHI

Few ambassadors have had so remarkable experience as Mr. Quo Tai-chi, says the "Manchester Guardian."

The struggles and tragedies at Geneva, the despoiling of China and Abyssinia, the rise of the Nazis, "appeasement," and the convulsions leading to a new war, Mr. Quo has seen them all and can apply the "lessons" as he sees them for China's benefit.

In earlier years he saw many illusions shattered but remained in London long enough to see one great hope fulfilled, Britain and the United States together refusing, despite threats, to yield anything to Japanese aggression.

Mr. Quo will work for Chinese unity and will uphold Chinese independence against all force and cunning, and in Chungking, as in London, will seek the things that make a tolerable world for us.

If Dr. Wellington Koo succeeds him, China will be sending to London another of her most distinguished men. — Reuter.

The sources state that the German force in Bulgaria consists of four groups.

The first has headquarters at Sydenhaid, on the Turkish frontier, the second is based on Kustendil, near the Yugoslav frontier, the third is in north-west Bulgaria and the fourth is being held in reserve near Sofia.

THE GERMAN AIR FORCE IS ATTACKING YUGOSLAVIA WITH TWO MAIN AIR FLEETS OPERATING FROM RUMANIA AND BULGARIA.

### German Claims

Meanwhile the German news agency last night claimed that German troops are continuing the advance into Serbia "despite great destruction of roads and very difficult country."

"Considerable war material, including a large number of medium and heavy guns and motorised batteries, have been captured," it claims.

It adds that large quantities of infantry ammunition fell into the hands of the advancing troops during these operations. — Reuter.

### CHINESE GUERRILLA ACTIVITY

WITH THE COMING OF SPRING THE CHINESE GUERRILLAS HAVE INTENSIFIED THEIR ACTIVITY IN VARIOUS AREAS OF KIANGSU AND CHEKIANG PROVINCES, ESPECIALLY ALONG THE NANKING-HANGCHOW RAILWAY, ACCORDING TO CHINESE PRESS REPORTS.

Heavy fighting is said to be in progress at Chapu, in northern Kiangsu, facing Hangchow Bay, where the Japanese are reported to have suffered 500 casualties recently.

To subdue these guerillas considerable numbers of Japanese troops are said to have been withdrawn from Shanghai, with the result that many strategic points in Shanghai are now defended by troops of the Japanese-sponsored Wang Ching-wei regime. — Reuter.

### PALESTINE RATES UP

A 25 PER CENT INCREASE IN RATES HAS BEEN DECIDED ON BY THE JERUSALEM MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

The increase is due to a general desire in Palestine to ease the burden on the British taxpayers, who contribute grants towards the expense of Palestine municipalities.

The drastic provisions of the British Budget greatly impressed all quarters in Palestine, and the higher rate was announced subsequent to publication of the British Budget figures. — Reuter.

### RUMANIA STOPS OIL SUPPLIES TO TURKEY

Rumanian oil companies have stopped deliveries of lubricating oil to Turkey, reports the Istanbul correspondent of the Independent French Agency.

The action is said to have been taken because the entire production is absorbed by home needs. — Reuter.

### JO'BURG RIOTS REPORT

The Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the riots at Johannesburg on January 31 and February 1 last, in which thousands of civilians, soldiers and police were involved following a speech by the leader of the extreme Republican Ossewabrandwag organisation, has now been published in Capetown.

It recommends that the military authorities must take adequate precautions to prevent disorders when soldiers are on leave and severely punish participants in such disorders.

In order to restore public confidence in the police force and obviate further dissension within its ranks, all signs of distinction between members of the force should be removed.

The effective strength of the police force should be increased and severe disciplinary measures taken against those members of the force who disobeyed orders or committed unnecessary acts of violence.

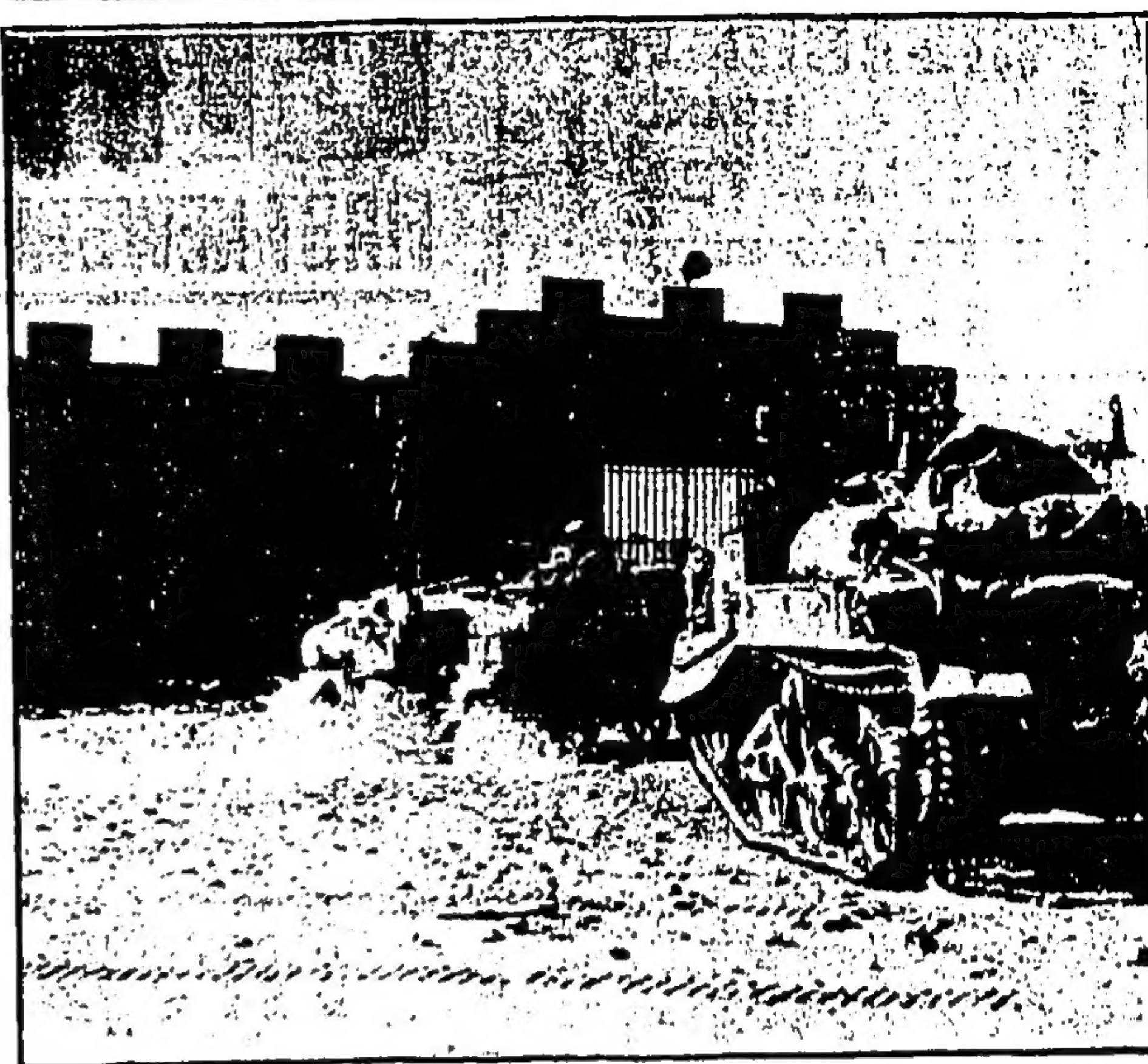
Closer cooperation between the military, police, civil guards and civilian protection services should be established. — Reuter.

### BREAKING WITH HUNGARY

Both the Netherlands and Belgium, whose Governments are in London, have decided to break off relations with Hungary, Reuter learns.

The Netherlands Charge d'Affaires in Budapest has been instructed by the Netherlands Government to leave his post.

The Belgian Minister in Budapest will leave by way of Moscow by the same route that the British Minister is expected to use. — Reuter.



British Bren gun carriers beside the battered wall of Fort Capuzzo. Many of the troops who took part in the Libyan operations are now in Greece. (Copyright, Fox).

## SOFIA RAILWAY STATION BLOTTED OUT

"I SHOULD NOT LIKE TO HAVE BEEN ANYWHERE NEAR SOFIA RAILWAY STATION ON SUNDAY NIGHT, AS THE NEIGHBOURHOOD OF THE RAILWAY JUNCTION MUST HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY UNHEALTHY," SAID ONE OF THE R.A.F. PILOTS ON RETURN FROM THE RAID ON SOFIA.

He continued: "One stick of bombs from our aircraft scored direct hits on the tracks and we saw trucks being hurled into the air."

"It was good bombing all right. We were not the only ones to score because we saw a continuous white glow where the station buildings of Sofia should have been when we arrived."

"My navigator was saved much trouble by the fires which guided us to our target. It was a small edition of the fires which burn every night in the Ruhr. The front gunner put paid to the crews of a couple of searchlights and an anti-aircraft gun before we got down to business."

### Crack At Convoys

"Anti-aircraft fire was pretty intense but we got to our targets all right, bombed and stayed to watch the results."

"Then we had a crack at convoys on the road down the Struma Valley, machine-gunning them. After that we made for home." — Reuter.

### LEOPOLD'S BIRTHDAY

KING LEOPOLD OF THE BELGIANS, WHOSE BIRTHDAY OCCURRED YESTERDAY, IS DESCRIBED AS "OUR PRISONER KING" IN AN ORDER OF THE DAY ISSUED TO HIS TROOPS BY GENERAL VAN STRIJDOCK DE BURKEL, COMMANDER OF THE BELGIAN FORCES IN GREAT BRITAIN.

He urges his men to "work, train ourselves and prepare for victory. We shall chase the Boche, we shall deliver our King, we shall free Belgium who will rise again great, united and prosperous." — Reuter.

## BERLIN NOT SURPRISED

The German view of the rupture of Anglo-Hungarian diplomatic relations was given by a Wilhelmstrasse spokesman quoted by the German radio yesterday.

He described it as a "flight before events which was bound to happen one day."

Replying to a question the spokesman declared Turkey was not part of the Balkans and that as far as Berlin was aware nothing had changed in German-Turkish relations since the exchange of messages between Hitler and the Turkish President. — Reuter.

## SOVIET UPSETS BERLIN

The Soviet - Yugoslav Pact made a great impression in Berlin.

Political circles there are excitedly speculating on the reason for the Russian action, which is "hardly likely to give Berlin an impression that Russia is particularly friendly," states the Berlin correspondent of the "Stockholm Tidningen." — Reuter.



# Fifty German Submarine Officers Now Prisoners

## ADMIRALTY HINT OF LOSSES AMONG U-BOATS

OVER 50 GERMAN U-BOAT officers, including one of Germany's ace commanders, and considerably more than 400 German petty officers and men, are prisoners of war.

These figures are given in an Admiralty communique issued yesterday which adds that the number of U-boats operating has lately been large, and British counter-measures have recently met with correspondingly greater success.

## MASTERY OF AIR IN LIBYA

Aircraft of the R.A.F. and the Royal Australian Air Force in Cyrenaica have been operating continuously for the past week, covering the concentration of Imperial troops in their new positions and harassing the enemy's lines of communication, says yesterday's Middle East communique.

The communique adds our bombers raided aerodromes in the neighbourhood of Benghazi and, assisted by fighters, attacked enemy motor transport and troop concentrations ceaselessly.

Detailed reports are not available but during one day alone our fighters shot down 14 enemy aircraft, believed to be German, without loss to themselves. On another day four enemy aircraft were destroyed, again without the loss of a British plane.—Reuter.

## EFFECTIVE RAID ON KOMBULCHA

Yesterday's R.A.F. communique in Nairobi stated that further details of the South African air raid on Kombulcha on Sunday show that our fighters destroyed ten enemy aircraft dispersed at the aerodrome and damaged others of all types.

In addition, our fighter escort shot down two CR42's at Kombulcha, where another enemy aircraft taking off was also damaged and another taxiing on the runway destroyed.

Other bombers secured direct hits on aerodrome buildings at Dessie and several heavy bombs were dropped on a motor transport park north of the buildings.

Motor transport on the Dessie road was attacked by bombers and fighters and several lorries were also attacked.—Reuter.

## MATCHEK CALL TO CROATS

A call to the Croats for unity and discipline was uttered over Zagreb radio last night by Dr. Matchek, the Croat leader and Vice-Premier in General Simovitch's Cabinet.

The catastrophe of war, he says, can be lessened if they are united and disciplined.

Assuring the Croats he is going to remain among them and share with them every sorrow and trial, he urges them to "have faith in God and the truth of the Peasant Party."—Reuter.

## MR. MATSUOKA NOT EXACTLY LUCKY

THE "O JOURNAL" of Rio de Janeiro says Mr. Matsuoka was not particularly lucky. The very day he arrived in Berlin the adhesion of Yugoslavia to the Axis was one of the main features of the Nazi triumph to be presented the illustrious visitor, but was converted into a smashing defeat.

Mr. Matsuoka cannot have failed to notice the disconcerting effect of the turnabout on the whole political and strategic plans of the Axis in the Balkans.

After this deception the Japanese diplomat set a course for Italy and the same day he arrived among streamers and songs of joy in Rome, the Fascist fleet suffered a tremendous defeat in the Ionian Sea.

MR. MATSUOKA'S MISSION CAN HAVE A DEFINITE RESULT FOR THE AXIS ALLIANCE IN THE SENSE OF DENUDING IT OF ANY PRACTICAL EFFECT.

Ever keen and intelligent, the Japanese will at the right moment call the pacifist group into the Government, and Admiral Yonai, former President of the Council and known friend of the United States and England, will return, perhaps as head of the Cabinet, which will rid itself of compromises which no longer correspond to the interests of the Japanese Empire.—Reuter.

no diplomatic relations with Greece and Yugoslavia but an official link is not required by two peoples for one to feel moved when the other is dragged into a conflict for the development of which it has no blame.—Reuter.

One of the prisoners is Commander Kretschmer, captain of U-boat 99, who is regarded in Germany as one of the most notable and successful of U-boat commanders.

In August, 1940, he was decorated with the Knight's Cross, or Iron Cross.

Last December Hitler bestowed on him the oak leaves denoting a higher class of this decoration. He recently also received special promotion.

It was Commander Kretschmer who sank the two British auxiliary cruisers, *Laurentic* and *Patroclus*, according to the German High Command.

### Italians Also

The High Command in December claimed he was the first commander to exceed 250,000 tons of sunk tonnage and that his latest sinkings included the destroyer, *H.M.S. Daring*.

The British Admiralty communique ends by saying there are also a number of Italian U-boat prisoners in British hands.

### No Guidance

As no guidance is given of the number of U-boats sunk without trace, and as many of the prisoners may be only a proportion of the crews, the Admiralty figures do not make it possible to calculate how many U-boats have been sunk.

The normal complement of German submarines varies from 23 in the coastal type to 35 and 40 in the ocean-going type.—Reuter.

## MEXICO'S GESTURE

THE MEXICAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SENT A MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY WITH GREECE AND YUGOSLAVIA TO THE MEXICAN CONSUL-GENERAL IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

The message says Mexico has

## ANGLO-AMERICAN NAVAL LIAISON

THE UNDER-SECRETARY of the United States Navy, Mr. James Forrestal, is leaving for Britain on a visit in about a fortnight "to establish close liaison" between the Navy Department and the British Admiralty on matters connected with the Lease and Lend Programme.

In making this announcement in Washington yesterday, Col. Frank Knox, Secretary of Navy, said the Navy Department was handling purchases of material in the United States for the British Navy under the Lease and Lend Act, and was also undertaking repairs to British warships.

"Efforts are being made very rapidly to establish suitable uniformity in naval equipment,"

added Col. Knox, who explained the object was to expedite purchases and repairs.

One of the chief purposes of Mr. Forrestal's trip to Britain, according to naval circles, would be to see if some method could be found by which the British could use more American naval weapons and other equipment not standard in the Royal Navy.—Reuter.

## GERMANY SENDS NEW NOTE TO U.S.

Germany has sent a new Note to the United States reinforcing her protests against the seizure of German merchantmen, according to an announcement by Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, in Washington yesterday, says Reuter.

## AMERICAN PROMISE TO YUGOSLAVIA

President Roosevelt has cabled King Peter of Yugoslavia, assuring him of all possible material aid for Yugoslavia.

The President's message says: "The people of the United States were profoundly shocked by the unprovoked and ruthless aggression of the people of Yugoslavia."

The President expresses admiration of the "courageous self-defence of the Yugoslav people, constituting one more shining example of their traditional bravery."

He added: "As I assured Your Majesty, the United States Government will speedily furnish all material assistance possible, in accordance with its existing statutes."

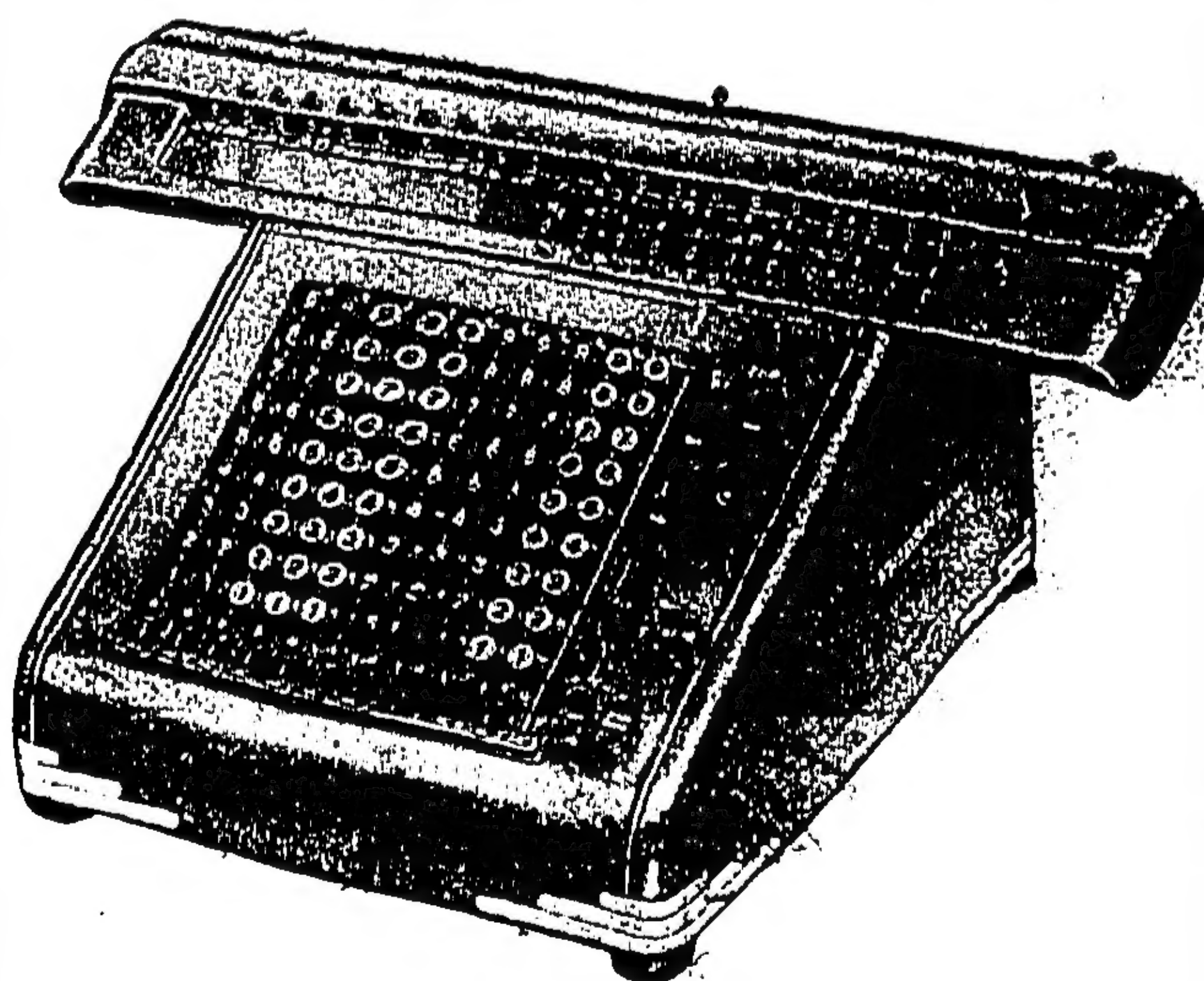
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## TEN NORWEGIANS ARRESTED

Ten Norwegians arrested at Svolvær after the Lofoten Islands raid are said to be among the first prisoners sent to the German concentration camp at Oslo, according to the Norwegian telegraph agency in London yesterday quoted by Reuter.

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## JUGGLING WITH FIGURES

How Germany juggles with figures in her propaganda war against British shipping is exposed by a survey of German claims for March, made in authoritative quarters in London.

German day to day claims, it is pointed out, are the most exaggerated. The sum of these is always greater than each "total" issued by the Nazis.

For example, figures for the third week of the Battle of the Atlantic total 387,000 tons, while the day to day figures add up to 422,000 tons.

In the second week, when no weekly total was claimed, the day to day figure was 185,000 tons.

Similarly the sum of the weekly figures broadcast to all countries is greater than the monthly total given. For example, the monthly total for March, 718,000 tons, is equalled by the weekly totals for the first, third and fourth weeks only, over 717,000 tons.

The 185,000 tons claimed day by day in the second week never appears again.

Lastly, as part of the war of nerves against Britain, figures given in broadcasts to England are always higher than those cited elsewhere. — Reuter.

## WOUNDED, NOW A BEAUTY ADVISER

A soldier, too badly wounded for further military service, has turned "beauty adviser" to our women in uniform. He makes face-powder in specially-blended shades for the A.T.S., W.R.N.s and W.A.A.F.s.

Coming back from Dunkirk and finding himself without a job, he spent his spare time inventing a "perfect complexion" for Service women. He was discovered and is being flattered in his new job by Lady Jocelyn Lucas, wife of Major Sir Jocelyn Lucas, M.P., who is chairman of the Welfare Committee of the Overseas League.

"The soldier was a chemist before the war," Lady Lucas told a reporter. "Doctors have analysed his powder and it received full marks."

"He was without a penny when I met him and I realised I would be helping two ways if I financed the scheme."

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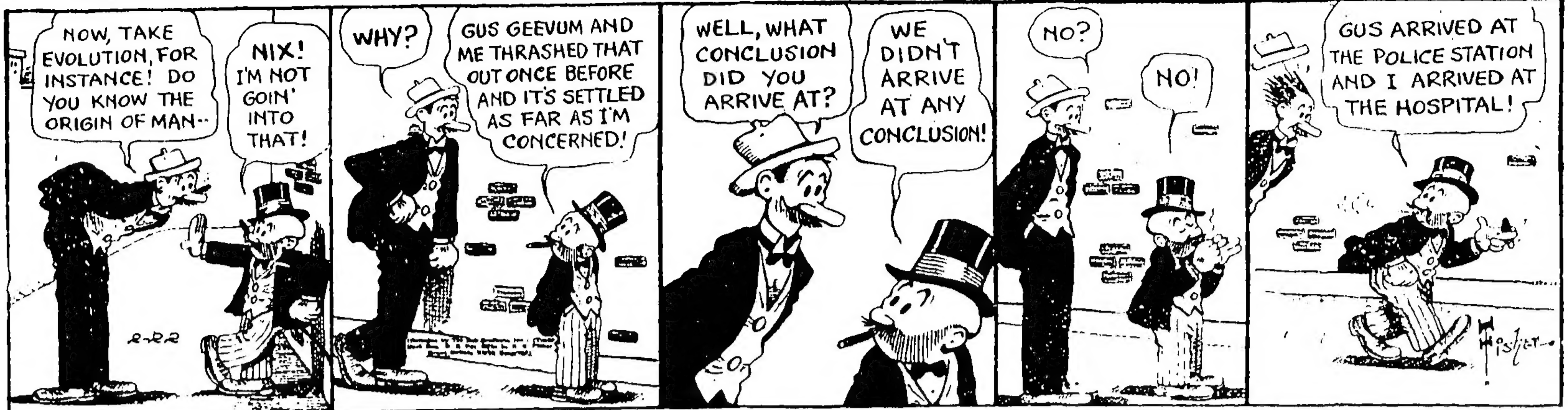
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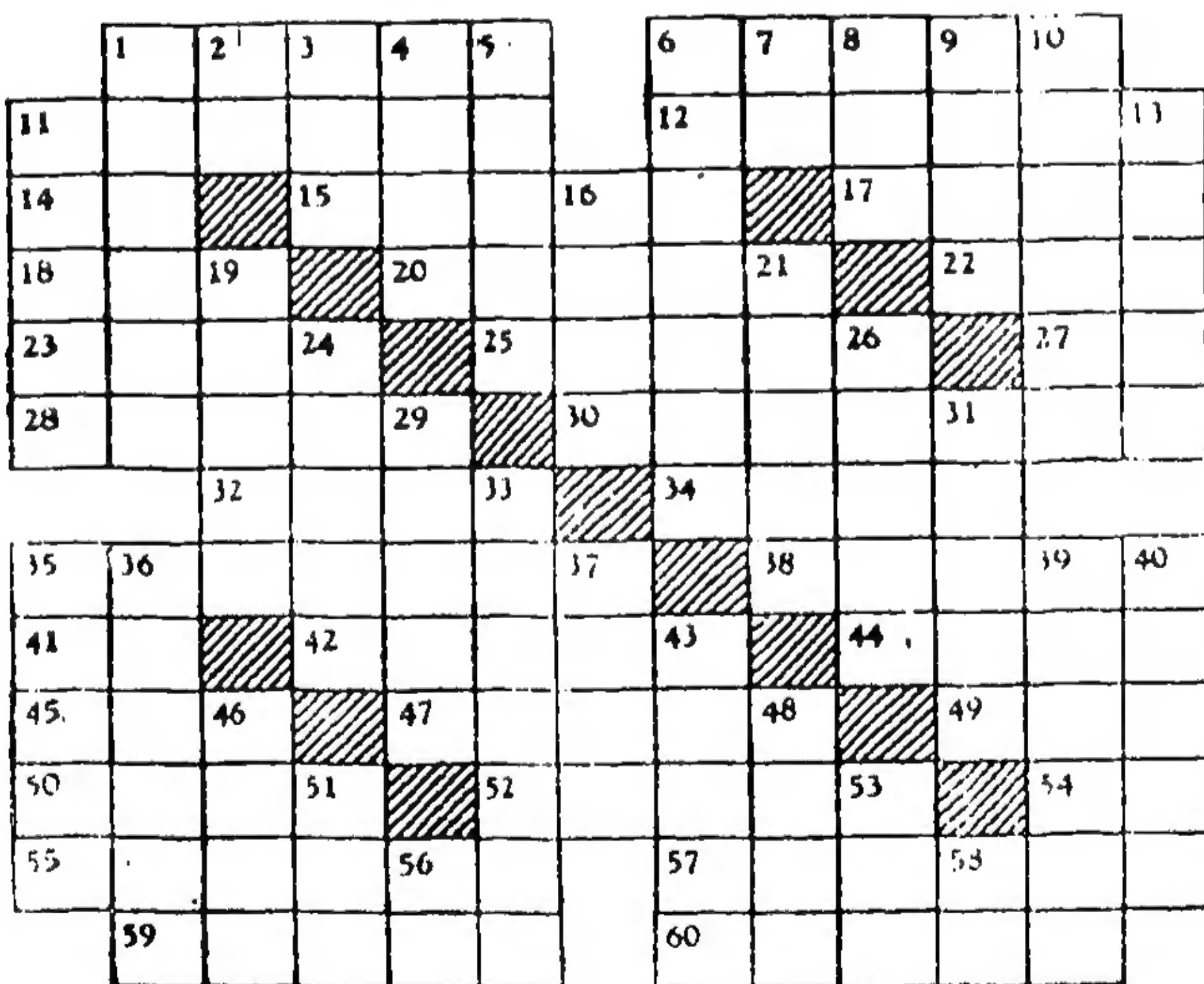
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46 Symbol for tantalum  
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54 To gaud  
55 Mocked  
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ITALIAN  
AIRMEN  
CAPTURED

Many Italian airmen were taken prisoner when the British and Imperial troops occupied Addis Ababa, according to an official communique issued in Nairobi yesterday.

The communique states that following the leading elements which entered Addis Ababa late the previous evening, South African, East African and West African troops occupied the city on April 6 (Sunday).

There were no incidents, the Italian officials handing over the town with its essential services intact.

A considerable number of prisoners, including many airmen, was taken.

Operations in this area continue and the enemy are being followed up on all fronts. —Reuter.

CHINA  
TO SEE IT  
THROUGH

"China is as determined to see things through until complete victory for Democratic civilisation as Britain and America can be," declared the Chinese Ambassador, Mr. Quo Tai-chi, in London yesterday.

Mr. Quo added: "And no special promises or military pressure can alter that fixed resolve."

The Ambassador was making his last public appearance in London before his return to China to become Foreign Minister.

He was speaking at the Anglo-Chinese luncheon in aid of the Red Cross Fund and the Chinese War Relief Fund.

The returning Ambassador will be succeeded by Dr. Wellington Koo, and remarked that he regarded his journey to China as simply going from one front to another in the same war. —Reuter.

HE WON'T WORK  
AGAIN

"Religion: Amateur Christian" is the ironic description given of himself by William Saroyan, U.S. playwright and story-teller, whose life history in brief is one of 40,000 in the 1941 Who's Who (Adam and Charles Black, 65s. net).

Saroyan says he was "educated in public libraries, movie and vaudeville theatres; streets and places; writing was constantly interrupted or delayed by work. This displeased him, so he stopped working; has no intention of ever working again, as it bores him."

Recreations of celebrities include: G. B. Shaw, "Anything except sport;" Osbert Sitwell, "In abeyance until the end of the war;" Sir Charles Portal (Chief of Air Staff), "Shooting, fishing, sailing;" A. P. Herbert, "Sailing, lawn tennis, the piano, skittles;" Leslie Henson, "Motoring, cinematography, swimming, golf."

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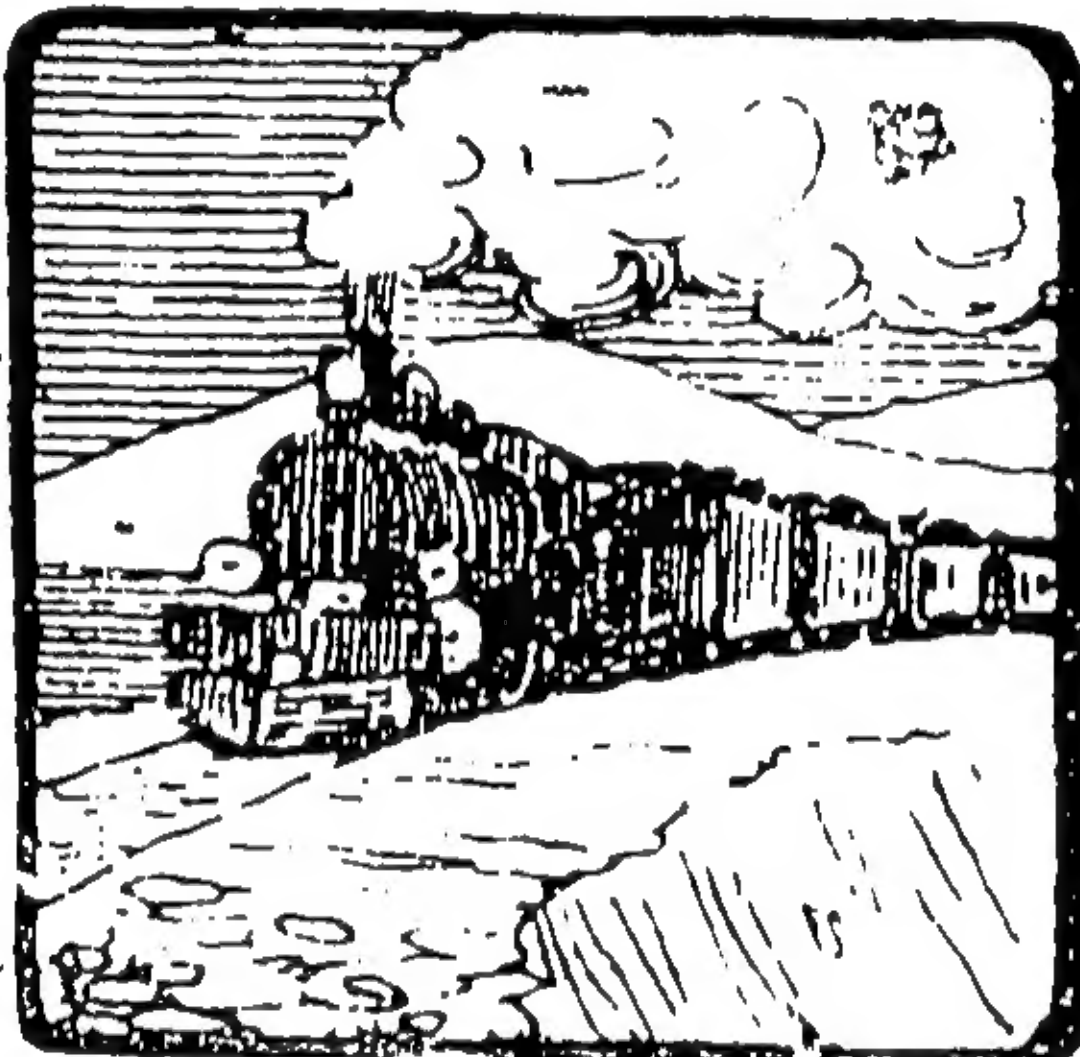
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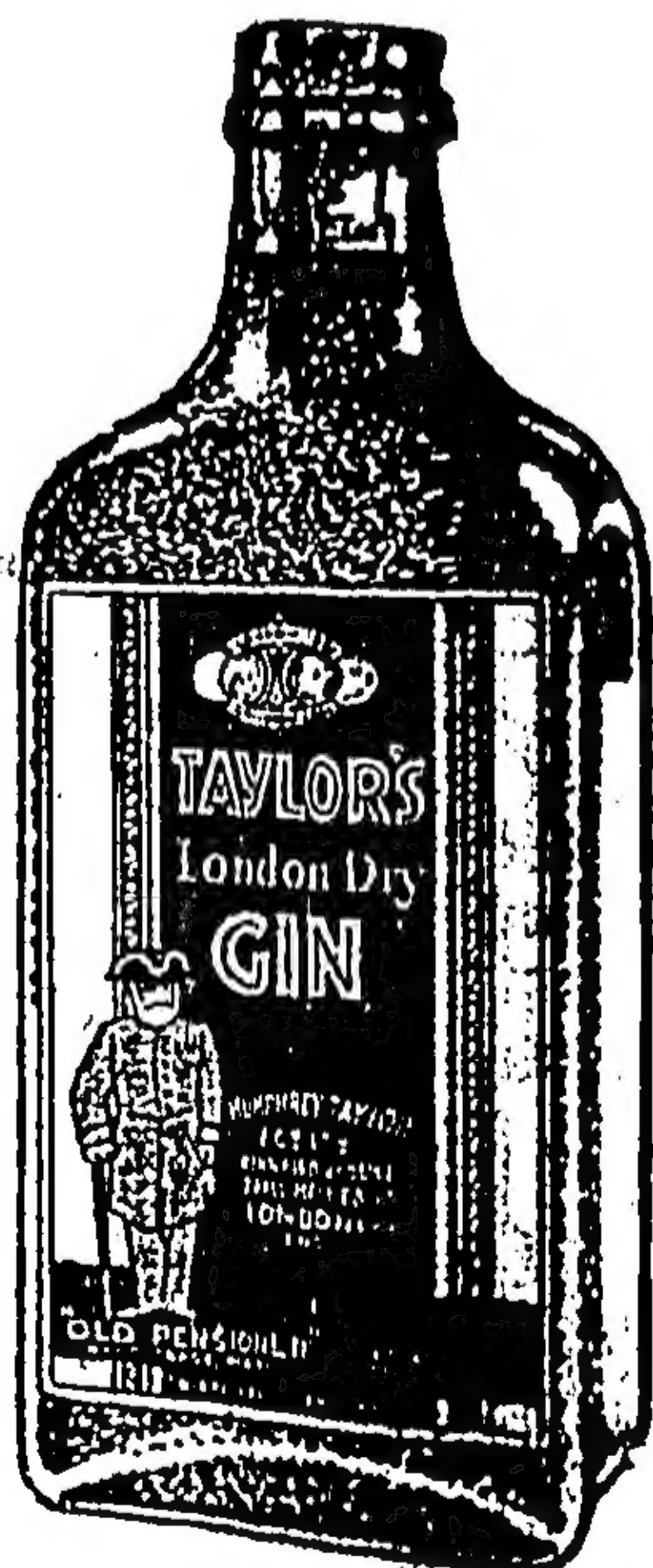


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# MAN SHUT OFF RED-HOT VALVE AMID GAS

WAVES OF GERMAN RAIDERS are overhead a heavy bomb crashes through the side of a huge London gasholder. Splinters pierce three other holders. In a flash all four, each over 100ft. high and 600ft. round, are enveloped in flames.

Instantly, one of the workers knows what must be done — and does it. He has no time to get into his asbestos suit. Seizing only a pair of leather gloves, he rushes down the lanes of fire to turn off the valves, shielding his head and neck from the fearful heat with his jacket.

The first valve wheel is red hot. He wrenches it round. His wrists burn, but, darting from holder to holder, he turns off valve after valve.

Bombs are still falling. As the last valve turns, the man falls unconscious. Struck down by a piece of flying debris.

But the four gasholders are saved, as well as a fifth round which the flames are already licking.

For this "prompt and amazingly cool action," as the official report puts it, Albert Edward Page, valveman, of the Gas Light and Coke Co. has been awarded the George Medal.

### Dragged Out Bombs

His courage is one of many examples, told in the London Gazette of heroism during raids.

One George Cross, three M.B.E.'s, forty George Medals and twenty-one O.B.E.'s are awarded.

In addition over 100 men and women are "brought to notice for brave conduct in civil defence."

George William Paveley, of Chelmsford, driver of a steam roller, twice helped a bomb disposal unit to remove unexploded bombs.

He worked a pneumatic drill ten feet down through the foundations of a house to reach one bomb.

Then, when two heavy bombs embedded themselves eighteen feet below ground, he not only got down to them with a drill but drove the steam roller which was used to drag them out.

Paveley is now a G.M. So, too, are three L.N.E.R. men who played hoses on a wagon containing live A.A. ammunition though shells in another burning ammunition wagon were exploding continuously.

### Shower Of Splinters

They had previously rescued a wounded soldier and had entered another wagon, also alight, in a bid to save a second soldier who was found dead. They worked on under a shower of shell splinters.

These three heroes are Arthur Harrison, M.M., George William Whitehurst, of Hull, and Ernest Victor Barker, ticket collector, of Bridlington.

Equally reckless of danger during a raid on London was Yardmaster Harold John Savage.

One of ten wagons containing explosives was set alight by incendiaries. The floorboards were burning, but crawling under the wagon, Savage played a hose on the flames until they were put out.

## 4 FOODS WILL DO

EVERYTHING THE BODY NEEDS CAN BE SUPPLIED BY FOUR FOODS — MILK, GREEN VEGETABLES, WHOLE-MEAL BREAD AND POTATOES.

Sir John Boyd Orr, the nutrition expert, gives this opinion in an article in the "British Medical Journal."

"We do not yet know all the dietary constituents essential for health, but we do know that a sufficiency of the protective foods will supply everything which the body needs," states Sir John.

"The chief change needed for health is to bring the consumption of milk and vegetables among the poor up to what it is among the well-to-do."

## JULIANA LONELY ABROAD

Crown Princess Juliana of Holland wants to return to England to be with her husband and her mother.

She has revealed her unhappiness to close friends in Washington, where she is staying as a guest of President and Mrs. Roosevelt.

The sight of the President's happy family circle in the White House during the first night of her stay so moved her that her eyes filled with tears.

The President tried to cheer her up by telling her amusing stories about his own Dutch ancestors.

The Princess told friends that she begged to be allowed to remain in England with Prince Bernhard and Queen Wilhelmina.

But the Queen and the Dutch Cabinet insisted upon her seeking safety in Canada with her children, so that the succession would be safe.

### Watched By Nazis

In Ottawa she spends most of her time writing long letters to mother and husband and knitting comforts for Dutch troops and sailors.

Nazi agents, it is said, have been watching her closely for signs of personal display.

Goebbels wants to circulate tales in Holland, accusing Juliana of living in luxury while ordinary Dutch citizens are suffering.

But no one in Ottawa lives with more simplicity than Juliana.

## U.S. CAPTAIN TRAINED BY THE NAZIS

Captain Paul Martin, of the United States Army, who joined up to fight for Britain and found himself in German uniform, forced to fight against us, was trained in invasion tactics till he escaped.

Fifty-two years old, he was living comfortably on his Army pension with his wife on the Riviera. He joined the Foreign Legion when war broke out and was sent to northern France.

When France capitulated he was captured by Germans. The German commandant told him: "We have read your papers. Your grandfather was a German emigrant to America. You understand, 'Once a German always a German'."

He refused officer's rank in the German Army, but was told no German could refuse, and was put into the uniform of a German private.

He was soon learning to swim

## ITALIAN TANK AS HIS "CAR"

Imshi—nickname of a Blackpool flying officer just awarded the D.F.C. after shooting down three Italians in one afternoon in Libya — has an Italian tank which he guards jealously and calls his car.

"Imshi loves fighters, he loves speed in almost anything," says an Air Ministry news service special correspondent writing from Middle East R.A.F. headquarters. "Imshi's last three successes brought his total bag up to thirteen."

"How can I picture this amazing war in the Libyan Desert, where simple human episodes blend with great military strategy" the correspondent writes.

### Biscuits And Bully

"Where our airmen camp on sandy wastes making tea with salty water and for days eating nothing but biscuits and bully, and where a loaf of bread baked a week ago is luxury."

"It's got to be seen and lived to be fully appreciated, but my it's good!"

He also tells of a grubby, tousled signaller who captured an Italian on a motor-bicycle.

The signaller had been sent forward with telephone wire when the prisoner came innocently towards him. It took him a split second to knock the Italian off his bike, mount it himself and compel the Italian to jump on behind.

Then he rode back triumphant with his spoils.

## SWEDEN IS NOT CONVINCED

Despite the geographical proximity which makes the German voice ring louder in Sweden than the English, Sweden is not yet convinced that the best thing to do is to collaborate with the Nazi New Order as the Germans urge.

Striking evidence of the Swedish point of view is given in a speech by the Foreign Minister, Mr. Guenther.

"I would like to warn everybody," he said, "not to go too deep into speculations about this New Europe and our position in it."

He reiterated the Swedes' determination to "take upon themselves the highest sacrifices to maintain peace."

In the opinion of the Government, Mr. Guenther added, Sweden's position is less exposed and less dangerous than six months ago, but many things will happen before world's position is stabilised, not the least in the north.

"Although trade with the Soviet Union, Germany and Italy has been intensified by recent agreements," Mr. Guenther continued, "this development in certain directions cannot entirely compensate for our isolation from the west, particularly overseas markets."

to rubber boats in full kit, to dive and dodge imaginary bullets from the enemy. He saw many Germans down in these manoeuvres.

"I was one of the few of my division who survived the R.A.F. attacks," he told a London reporter. "I saw men dying by hundreds."



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## BRITAIN'S IRON BUDGET

None could suggest, having studied the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Budget for 1941-42, that the people of Britain have not undertaken with resolute seriousness the task of carrying this war through to a victorious conclusion. Total expenditure in the coming year is estimated at £4,207,000,000, a figure which takes no account of supplies under the Lease and Lend Act, which will themselves probably exceed £1,000,000,000 in value. The meaning is plain: that the scale of Britain's gigantic effort is to be greatly increased; and that the taxpayer must delve even deeper into his pocket.

Sir Kingsley Wood, indeed, gives him little option. The scale of income tax and surtax is raised to a level which a few years ago would have seemed fantastically absurd. The basic rate becomes 10/- in the pound, and in the higher levels of income the taxpayer is permitted the somewhat grim satisfaction of retaining 6d. out of each £1 of his income. Thus, as the Chancellor pointed out, the once wealthy man, with an income of £60,000 per annum, must surrender £55,000 to the Exchequer.

The policy of extracting until it hurts from the wealthy is accompanied, inevitably, by expansion of the scope of collection among lower incomes, leading to the most interesting feature of the whole Budget, the application of the principle of compulsory saving. It will certainly soften the shock to the 45/- a week labourer, "elevated" as it were, to the income tax paying class, to know that he is merely casting his bread (or his beer) upon the waters, and that it will come back to him after many days. The adaptation of Mr. Maynard Keynes' plan has been skilfully devised, for it obviates the setting up of new machinery for collection, at the same time extending the operation of the original scheme. This is vindication of intelligent economic planning indeed.

The spirit in which the Budget has been received is, moreover, as noteworthy as the astronomical total of expenditure. It is proof enough that public opinion will countenance no slackening until victory has been won, and it is proof of national realisation that Germany



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# The Necessary Strategy Of England

By  
**Hilaire Belloc**

England exists as a commercial state. The country is strong through widely extended exchanges conducted by maritime transport. The exchanges have produced a vast accumulation of wealth which until quite recent times was taken for granted to be permanent and stable. The banking system, which handles this wealth and without which it could not be put into use, is England's chief asset. And though it is in the nature of any banking power to throw out a great number of dependent centres, the nucleus of the English system is of course the Bank of England.

An island power socially united more strictly than any rival and thus dependent on commerce and life by sea power. Only by being secure in maritime command can the nation be sure of its commerce and therefore of its continued wealth. On this account the vital necessity of the country is a fleet powerful

enough to defeat any probable combination against it, and there has been added in the last three generations another all-important argument for sea-power. Food must be imported as well as raw material for manufacture on which depend export and therefore commerce.

To possess a naval instrument thus superior to any probable rival combination, it is necessary not only to have superiority in number of ships and material for their service, but also a large number of men for the crews thereof; further, such numbers are immensely increased in value when they are professional and when all members of the navy—not only officers but men of every rank, including even auxiliary services—are filled with the professional spirit. Modern England has moulded her fighting maritime service upon this doctrine. England has at the present moment as an instrument necessary to her strategic position, therefore, an armed navy (i), numerically overwhelming (ii), professional and therefore enjoying the special strength provided by tradition.

But even in the full appreciation of this necessity for sea-power and in the clearest recognition of that necessity there lurks a danger. This is the danger lest, in providing maritime power England should neglect the absolute necessity of an adequate land-force acting either through allies or through a native army. Too many people in modern England itself question the necessity for such a land-force and therefore argue against the raising and maintenance of the same in time of peace. It is of the first importance for Englishmen if they desire to maintain the security and greatness of their country to recall this neglected principle: the absolute necessity of the land-force working with sea-power, if sea-power is to fulfil its function. There have been periods during the XIX Century when this necessary connection between naval and land forces in the service of a maritime power has been forgotten or so little emphasised as to be neglected. It is to be hoped that such periods will not return. No campaign can be won, at least no campaign on any large scale by sea-power alone and such exaggerated phrases as "Command of the Sea" do a great disservice to the country. Armed superiority at sea is vitally necessary but of itself such superiority is insufficient.

## Eire, Cockpit Of War

A German announcer has stated that it may become necessary for Germany to take steps to "protect" Ireland, as she took steps to "protect" Belgium and Holland. And you ask me if this shows that I was right in warning Ireland that as soon as Hitler thought that it was to his advantage to invade Ireland he would do so.

Of course I was right. But I am inclined to think that it would not be to Germany's advantage to invade Ireland, as it would most certainly not be to Ireland's advantage. For she would then become the cockpit of the war.

You suggest that the matter is one of extreme urgency, "brooking no delay." And you ask if it be not our experience that the Fuehrer makes a promise only a very short time before he keeps it.

My dear Titterton, it is delightful to hear you hold up Herr Hitler as a man of his word. Most of our journalists would say that the Fuehrer makes a promise only a very short time before he breaks it.

The matters IS urgent. But the urgency is on our side, in our food supply. If the U-boats, beat our convoys, or look like beating

them, we MUST re-occupy the Irish ports.

You ask what effect such a step would have on American opinion, and you suggest that the Irish-Americans, Isolationist almost to a man, would be very angry.

No! On the contrary, I am sure that America would agree that it was necessary for us to re-occupy the ports. And, if de Valera fights,

By Bernard Shaw

(In an interview with W. R. Titterton)

he will be fighting the Commonwealth, Northern Ireland and the U.S.A., not to mention the Protestants of Eire.

What do I think that Mr. de Valera should do? I think that he should take my advice.

What else can he do except follow the not very encouraging example of Poland?

But it is impossible for anybody in these islands to know just how grave the situation is.

As far as we can know, here is the position: If we can do without the Irish ports, we shall do without them.

If we need them we shall take them, and then either Mr. de Valera will take my advice, or he won't, but that is his affair. If Hitler invades Eire he will make a mistake.

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## BEAT ITALIANS IN INTERVAL OF CARD-GAME

(By A Correspondent On The Greek Front)

MILES FROM ANY TOWN lies this small sloping field with its small brown wooden shed in which I am typing. On a small table at the far end of the hut four men are playing a Greek form of poker and glancing occasionally from the window at the low-lying winter clouds on the vast Albanian mountains.

The only warmth comes from a stove in the centre of the room round which we congregated for our usual lunch of bread and cheese and Greek brandy — followed again by poker. Suddenly a buzz on the small military telephone let into the wall is answered by the tallest of these men. He speaks a few words, nods, hangs up the receiver, and grins to his companions.

All the cards are left undisturbed on the table. All four men, now most cheerful, are full of action. The door is flung open, revealing two biplanes, carrying the blue and white circles of Greece, tethered by ropes on the uneven and partly snow-covered ground.

### Happy Defiance

In a matter of seconds the two mechanics have the machines stripped for action, the two pilots have flung on their parachutes, informed me delightedly that large formations of enemy bombers have been reported, asked me not to disturb the cards on the table, shaken hands, and run out toward their machines.

Moments later these two almost Blériot-type single-seater fighters are disappearing into the mountain mist for their rendezvous with a "large formation of enemy bombers."

I had got permission to visit this advanced Greek air base, hoping to be able to describe life in the mess of the squadron. But all I found was two

young men, with their two machines, one hut and one sloping field, happily defying Mussolini's best.

### Back To The Game

It is now three hours since my two Greek airmen companions left in their old-fashioned kites in search of trouble—and fun.

They have just returned. The game of poker has been quietly resumed where it was left off. The two pilots regret they were unable to contact the enemy formation, but they had a "lovely twenty minutes" in contact with enemy supply columns en route to Elbasan. Courage in many forms can be seen in Greece to-day, but none higher than that of these lonely young men who daily, and with safety, effectively hurl their ancient machines against the Wops.

## KNEW DEATH SECRETS OF HITLER PAST

A man has just died in Berlin who knew the truth about two of the darkest secrets of Hitler's past.

Both secrets concerned the alleged suicide of a girl who loved the Führer before he climbed to power.

Because he knew the answer to these riddles Dr. Franz Guertner, now dead at the age of 59, was made Hitler's first Minister of Justice, and kept his job to the end.

Yet he was never officially a Nazi.

His niece, Grete Raubal, died in Munich in circumstances which must be described as at least extremely suspicious.

Gregor Strasser, then Hitler's close political associate, told his brother she was "murdered by Hitler."

### Silence Bought

Guertner also knew about the mysterious death of a young girl in Berchtesgaden, the daughter of a wealthy Party member.

She drowned herself in a pond after leaving a farewell message which, if confirmed, would have sent Hitler to prison on account of her age.

Her father's silence was bought through the mediation of Nazi Party officials in Munich.

They were rewarded with posts in the Bavarian Cabinet.

Dr. Guertner had suppressed cases of political murder in which Nazis were involved.

One was that of a Bavarian housemaid who was falsely accused of betraying a secret arms depot to an Inter-Allied Military Commission.

### "NO ENGLAND BUT FOR U.S. HELP"

"There would be no England resisting to-day were it not for the help America has sent," declared the British Consul-General in New York, Mr. Geoffrey Harcourt, in a speech before the

of the Society for Colonial War in London, Northumberland, was slain by a German plane. The motorist, Mr. Robert

## GHOST SHIP CAME BACK

(BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

Here is the strangest sea story of the war—a story that rivals the tale of the Marie Celeste.

A little steamer, whose job has been to carry a barrage balloon, has gone one better than the windjammer which was found deserted and in full sail without a soul on board.

She has steered herself safely to port over miles of treacherous sea.

The people of a tiny coastal village awoke the other morning to find her gently nosing the sand in a deep water creek her engines still chugging slowly.

There was no one on board. In the messroom were the remains of a meal. All the crew's belongings were there, even their pocket wallets containing money.

### The Only Clue

Traces of fire were the only clue to what had happened.

It is presumed that her crew had left the ship in a hurry when she was set alight during a raid.

But they forgot to stop the engines, and could not catch her up again. They have not been heard of since.

"She must have been the ship they could not sink," one of the salvage party who went to tow her to port said to a reporter.

"With comparatively little expenditure she will be as good as ever. Had she struck the coast a little to left or right, she would have hit dangerous rocks."

## GUNPROOF RAFT CAN SAIL UPSIDE DOWN

Several British ships are being fitted with a new type of raft-lifeboat. It cannot be overturned and cork-filled compartments will withstand machine-gunning, so that the craft is unsinkable.

Mr. R. S. Chiochase, managing director of the Tyne Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd., has so designed this raft that it can be sailed upside down, the upper half being exactly similar to the lower half.

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The motorist, Mr. Robert

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# U.S. DESTROYER DEAL WIDELY POPULAR

**TWICE AS MANY** American voters approve of the United States transferring about forty additional destroyers to Britain as the number who disapprove, a new survey by the American Institute of Public Opinion has shown, according to Dr. George Gallup, its director.

"If one of the early transfers under the lease-lend bill should be the turning over of additional destroyers, the transaction would thus have the support of a majority of the American people," Dr. Gallup says. "Such a transfer is now conceived as part of the 'aid-short-of-war' which United States sentiment has long favoured, analysis of the comments shows.

"British observers have reported a need for speedy warcraft that can range the Atlantic sea-lanes and protect convoys of food and war materials to the British Isles.

"Wendell Willkie told members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee last month that America should send five or ten destroyers a month.

"The institute survey shows that it apparently makes little difference to the general public whether such available destroyers are sent at the rate of a few a month, or in one large transfer of 40 or so.

## 2 To 1

"To obtain a measure of public sentiment on the issue, the institute asked the question in two ways. The results, put to different cross-sections, show an average of 2 to 1 favouring the transfer among those with definite opinions:

"Would you approve or disapprove of the United States leasing about forty additional destroyers to Britain?"

P. C.	Approve	Disapprove	Undecided
52	26	22	

"Would you approve or disapprove of the United States leasing about five destroyers a month to Britain?"

P. C.	Approve	Disapprove	Undecided
55	25	20	

"Under the lease-lend act, of course, President Roosevelt can send Britain any army and navy materials which he judges will contribute in that way to the eventual security of the United States. "While destroyers have probably not been included in the first shipments under lease-lend, it is likely that some such vessels will shortly be on their way.

## Average View

"It is worth noting that the transfer of destroyers is approved by virtually the same-sized majority which has favoured passage of the lease-lend bill itself.

"As the bill passed the Senate early last month institute studies showed 56 per cent. for passage, 27 per cent. opposed, and the remaining 17 per cent. either with qualifications to their answers or without definite opinions.

"The average American views both measures in the same light, the survey answers show.

"The lease-lend bill was viewed by the majority as a means of helping Britain to win, and a means of increasing eventual American security at the same time.

"The typical American now seems to feel that the actual determination of how many destroyers can be spared should be 'up to the authorities.' But once that has been determined, 'the quicker we send them, the better.'

## No Stalling

"An Ohio voter in his thirties put it this way:

"It all depends on how many we can spare. But I say, if we have them to spare we should send them right over. Without any more stalling. Maybe that will help to keep them going over there until we really get into production."

"When President Roosevelt transferred 50 destroyers to Britain at the height of the Blitzkrieg last summer, the institute found an average of more than 60 per cent. approving the action.

# HOLLAND AND THE WAR

The unstinted help which the Netherlands are giving in the war is focussed in a summary just drawn up. In addition to generous financial support their contribution to the armed strength of the attack on the enemy is described as follows:—

"Almost the entire Dutch Royal Navy evaded the grasp of the invader and is now engaged on active duty in cooperation with and under the operational command of the British Royal Navy.

"Dutch cruisers and destroyers help in escorting convoys across the Atlantic. Dutch minesweepers, many of them converted trawlers, are regularly engaged in the hazardous task of clearing the coasts of Britain. Gunboats and other small units of the Royal Dutch Navy help to guard the river entrances, while squadrons of the Dutch Fleet Air Arm regularly patrol large stretches of coastal waters that have been specially and exclusively allotted to their tireless watch. Moreover a considerable number of Dutch submarines hunt for the ships of the common enemy. One such was recently lost, and a casualty list published lately announced the loss of some Fleet Air Arm personnel. A Dutch destroyer recently captured a German steamship.

"No fewer than 3,000,000 tons of merchant shipping including some 180 seagoing ships and more than 200 coastal vessels are under charter to the Ministry of Shipping and regularly plough across the world's seas to bring food and raw materials to England.

## Dutch Legion

"On land a small but enthusiastic Dutch Legion has been formed consisting partly of trained troops who have come over from Holland and now recruits called up for active service in Great Britain. To these may shortly be added a new batch whose calling up is now being prepared by a Dutch military commission sent to Canada for this purpose.

"Dutchmen throughout the world are kept in touch with the activities of the Government temporarily acting from London. An efficient press service operates from London and is able to collect much news of the happenings in German-occupied Holland. From Radio Orange, Dutchmen broadcast to the world, and despite the penalties involved in listening it is known that Dutchmen are kept informed wherever they are of the progress of the war. The Dutch East Indies Broadcasting station transmits programmes in English and another programme comes from Dutch America.

# GAMBLER FORTUNES ON FOOD

Fortunes have been lost by food speculators through Lord Woolton's swift action in fixing the prices of a long range of unrationed foods and beverages.

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DODWELL & CO., LTD.,  
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By Order of the Board of Directors,  
D. W. MUNTON,  
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Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

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# BRIDGE NOTES

## Investigation

### By The Four Aces

In contrast with the player who makes his guesses according to the weather or the way he happens to feel at the moment, the expert conducts a little investigation before he commits himself. Then, perhaps, he has no guess but a certainty. For example:

West, Dealer

Neither side vulnerable

♠ A J 9 4  
♥ A 8 5 4  
♦ K 6  
♣ A 9 3

♠ 5  
♥ 9 2  
♦ A Q J 5 4  
♣ K Q J 10

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♠ Q 6 3  
♥ Q J 10 6  
♦ 10 9 2  
♣ 8 6 2

♠ K 10 8 7 2  
♥ K 7 3  
♦ 8 7 3  
♣ 7 5

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1♠	Dbl.	Pass	1♠
2♣	2♠	Pass	3♠
4♣	4♠	Pass	Pass

West opened the King of clubs, and dummy took the Ace. South knew he would lose only one diamond trick, for the bidding marked West with the diamond Ace. But a club and a heart also had to be lost, and there was some chance that a trump trick would also go to the enemy.

If South had been able to see all the cards, he'd have known that a trump finesse was necessary. But suppose West held only one heart and two spades headed by the Queen? He'd bid the same way, and then the trump finesse would lose the contract. South could be pretty sure that West had ten cards in the minor suits, but how could he tell how the three major-suit cards were split?

The method was simple: South did a little investigating before he started the trumps. At the second trick, he led a heart to the King, and returned a low heart towards the dummy. If West had no more hearts, he could ruff; but then dummy would play a low heart and South would have lost nothing. Actually, of course, West followed suit; and South then knew West held at most one trump. After that investigation, it was easy to cash the spade Ace and then finesse through East's Queen.

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Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A Q 10 5 3  
♥ 7 2  
♦ Q J 4  
♣ A K 9

The bidding:

You	Schenck	Jacoby	Mink
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass

ANSWER: Bid two no-trump. Your hand is strong, and you have stoppers in both unbid suits. Your spade suit is too weak for a jump rebid in spades, and your hand is too strong for a non-jump rebid in spades.

Score 100% for two no-trump, 60% for three no-trump, 40% for three spades, 20% for two spades.

### Question No. 686

To-day you are Howard Schenck's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A Q J 9 8 2  
♥ 7 2  
♦ Q J 4  
♣ A K

The bidding:

You	Schenck	Jacoby	Mink
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass

What do you bid? (Answer: 2 no-trump.)  
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# RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Hawaiian Selections:  
Fox-Trots—Honolulu Stars and Hawaiian Guitars: A Little Rendezvous in Honolulu... Roy Smeck & His Hawaiian Serenaders with Vocal Trio. Hawaiian Happiness—Medley—Intro: Aloha Oe; Aloha; Aloha Beloved; Song of the Islands; O Sole Mio; Moonlight Bay; Aloha Oe... Lep Filla & His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus. Fox-Trot—Moon Over Miami... Roy Smeck & His Serenaders with Vocal Chorus. Fox-Trot—A Song of Old Hawaii... Ray Kinney & His Hawaiian Musical Ambassadors.

12.50 p.m.—Reginald Dixon at the Organ.

Down-the Mall (Belton).  
Dixon Hits No. 7—Intro: It is true what they say about Dixie?; Sweetheart let's grow old together; The touch of your lips; Lost; Lovely Lady; The Glory of Love.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

1.01 p.m.—Selections from Gilbert and Sullivan.

1.01 p.m.—Overture... Symphony Orchestra: Go Away, Madam... George Baker, Bertha Lewis, Winifred Lawson, Derek Oldham, Darrell Fancourt & Mixed Chorus. "Patience"—I Hear the Soft Note of the Echoing Voice... Sextette & Mixed Chorus; But Who is This? Nellie Bricliffe, Leslie Rands, Winifred Lawson, George Baker, R. Mackay, M. Eyre, Bertha Lewis, Derek Oldham, Darrell Fancourt, M. Green with Orchestra; Sad is That Woman's Lot... Bertha Lewis (Contralto) with Orchestra; Turn, Oh Turn in this Direction... Chorus of Girls; A Magnet Hung in a Hardware Shop... Leslie Rands and Chorus of Girls with Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter &amp; Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Dance Music by Gerry Moore and His Rhythm.

Slow Fox-Trot—Quicksteps: Quickstep—Bob White; Slow Fox-Trot—Rosetta; Quickstep—Wabash Blues; Fox-Trots—Always and Always (film "Mannequin"), Ti-Pi-Tin; Slow Fox-Trot—A Message from the Man in the Moon (film "A Day at the Races"); Quickstep—No More You; Slow Fox-Trot—Sweet Heartache (film "The Hit Parade").

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—De Groot and His Orchestra with Richard Tauber (Tenor).

Waldteufel Memories (arr. Finck)... De Groot & His Orchestra. I Want the World to Know (film "Music for Madame"); To the Land of My Own Romance (V. Herbert)... Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Orchestra. "Louise"—Selection (Charpentier)... De Groot & His Orchestra. Serenade; Sleep Song (both from film "Pagliacci")—Leonavallo-Drinkwater... Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Orchestra. Evensong (Easthope Martin)... De Groot & His Orchestra.

7.03 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: "Britain Speaks". J. B. Priestley.

7.30 p.m.—A Chopin Programme.

Impromptu No. 1 in A-Flat Major, Op. 29; Impromptu No. 2 in F Sharp Major, Op. 38; Ballade No. 2 in F Major, Op. 38... Alfred Cortot (Piano). Waltz in C Sharp Minor... Bronislaw Huberman (Violin) with Piano. Scherzo No. 2 in B Flat Minor, Op. 31... Arthur Rubinstein (Piano). Nocturne in F Sharp Major, Op. 15, No. 2... Arthur Rubinstein (Piano).

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—Vaughan Williams—Serenade to Music (specially composed for and dedicated to Sir Henry J. Wood on the occasion of his Jubilee); Sir Henry J. Wood conducting the B.B.C. Orchestra. Solists: I. Baillie, S. Allen, E. Suddaby, E. Turner, M. Balfour, A. Desmond, M. Brunsell, M. Jarred, H. Nash, W. Widdop, P. Jones, F. Titterton, R. Henderson, R. Easton, H. Williams and N. Allen.

8.17 p.m.—Cesar Franck—Symphony in D Minor.

1st Mov: Lento-Allegro non troppo.

2nd Mov: Allegretto; 3rd Mov: Allegro non troppo... Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra cond. by Leopold Stokowski.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

9.30 p.m.—Humorous &amp; Vocal Variety.

Vocal—Musical Comedy Requests—Intro: One Alone; Who; Indian Love Call; Deep in My Heart Dear; Tea for Two; Lover, Come Back to Me... Les Allen &amp; His Canadian Catchers with Orchestra. Comedienne—We've Got to Keep Up with the Joneses (Elliott)... Gracie Fields with Orchestra. Novelty—Jack Hyllon Throws a Party—Guests: Tommy Handley, Hilda Mundy &amp; Billy Caryll, Peggy Dell; Tom Webster, Jack Barry, Nelson Keys, Freddie Fox, The Swinglette with Jack Hyllon &amp; His Boys. Comedienne—One of the Little Orphans of the Storm (film "Queen of Hearts")... Gracie Fields with Orchestra. Comedian—The Bee Song (Blain); Chirrup (Blain)... Arthur Askey with Piano.

9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—Studio—Our letter from Free China.

10.15 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Sleepy Time in Sleepy Hollow; Tiny Little Fingerprints... New Mayfair Dance Orchestra.

Rumba—It's an Old Cuban Custom; Novelty Fox-Trot—Swing Syncope with a Fork and Spoon... Joe Daniels &amp; His Hot Shots in "Drum-nasticks". Quickstep—Nellie Dean; Slow Fox-Trot—Ida Sweet as Apple Cider... The Six Swingers. Swing Fox-Trots—I Know That You Know; I Cried for You... Benny Goodman Quintet. Waltz—One Day When We Were Young; Fox-Trot—Honey Chile... Jack Harris &amp; His Orch.

Fox-Trots—There's a Brand New Picture in My Picture Frame; Bewildered... Horace Heidt &amp; His Alemitte Brigadiers. Tangos—Nada Mas; Frío... Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro. Fox-Trot—This May Be The Night (from "My lucky Star")... Henry King &amp; His Orch.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

## GIRL STABBED WITH HAT-PIN

Two seventeen-year-old youths—Charles Joseph Chester, of New Road, Chatham, and Ellis Roberts, of St. Bartholomew's Terrace, Rochester—were charged at Chatham with wounding Bede Somerset, a girl aged fifteen, by stabbing her with a hatpin.

A police officer said that when he told Chester he answered the description of a youth wanted for wounding a girl by stabbing her with a needle, Chester replied: "I did not use any needle. We went into Woolworths and bought some hatpins."

To the same officer Roberts was alleged to have said: "I used some hat-pins, too."

The youths were remanded in custody for a week for a medical report.

## OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



"If you must know, Miss—I got tired of looking for places to put my old razor blades!"

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## Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN

# Fighter Fingernail Polish

If you do not like the vivid shades of nail polish, or if the man in your life objects to them, you may still be in the fashion swim with one of the lighter shades. In fact two famed beauties of our era prefer the more delicate shades of polish and always wear them.

The two women are none other than the Duchess of Windsor and Mrs. Harrison Williams, much photographed society woman of New York City. The Duchess is a brunette, Mrs. Williams is a white-blonde (her hair being beautifully prematurely white). So you see there is no hard and fast fashion rule of colours for brunettes and colours for blondes!

Each of these women is extremely chic in their dressing — chic with the maximum of good taste. They both wear their hair coiffed upward away from the face in front, with the back hair set in rolling, swirling waves. No long bobs for them — they realise the shorter hair, dressed high and revealing the ear lobes is far more flattering to women in their forties. Both women also like to wear earrings on occasion.

### Making Nails Beautiful

When using the lighter shades you will find that it is not possible to cover the line where the flesh ends and the nail extends. Therefore the soft pink or rose polish must not be applied over that line nor below the "moon" line at the base of the nail.

Recently I had my nails manicured and painted with a very neutral rose shade at the most fashionable nail salon in America and here the procedure is described, step by step.

- 1—The old polish was removed with cotton and liquid remover.
- 2—The nails were shaped with an emery board to a pleasing oval.
- 3—Softening cuticle cream was worked around the nail before my right hand was soaked in a small dish of soapy, warm water.
- 4—Steps 1, 2 and 3 were taken with my left hand.
- 5—My right hand was dried thoroughly and the cuticle pushed back with a cotton wrapped cuticle stick. An occasional hangnail was lightly trimmed with nippers (I try to avoid hangnails).
- 6—The under nails was washed



OLYMPÉ BRADNA of Warner Bros. is another beauty who prefers the light shade of nail polish.

with soapy water and a cuticle stick then hand was scrubbed with small nail brush and dried again.

7—Whitening was put under the nail sparingly. Nail base was applied over entire nail (this is a colourless substance which dries like polish with a sheen).

8—The neutral rose polish was applied from moon to rim evenly.

9—My left hand was completed.

10—A colourless nail polish was painted over the entire nail of

each finger. This prevents chipping and makes the nail smoother.

I must admit that I liked looking so refined, after having tested every new colour that has come to my desk. And—here's a tip to all women — my man noticed the change that night and commented favourable on the job! Perhaps you are due for a change too but it is nice to know the other colours are there if we want to pep up our fingers!

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## R.A.F. MAN'S HOBBY IS LIONS

Folding his circus suit, Eddie Campbell, of Glasgow, put on his R.A.F. blue tunic and went back to the leisurely business of war after ten days' leave spent mostly with his "playmates" — two full-grown lions and two lionesses whose training he has made his hobby.

Eddie gave a "command performance" for a B.B.C. engineer and myself last night, writes a reporter, and made a radio recording which will be broadcast shortly.

Auburn-haired, smiling Eddie is a newspaper reporter by profession. But the biggest interest of his peace-time life was lions.

### Not Forgotten

When he was called up he was asked his profession.

"Journalist," said Eddie.

"Any secondary occupation?" asked the sergeant.

"Yes, sir, lion-taming," said Eddie without a smile.

"Now, then, none of that funny talk," said the sergeant.

When Eddie came home on leave a few days ago it was exactly six months since he had seen the lions and lionesses. But they had not forgotten him.

He went up to their cage and called them by name. After the first shock of surprise they raced about the cage, wild with excitement.

"Then I went inside and was nearly licked to death," said Eddie.

Every day on leave he has gone into the cage to play with them. He has worked out an act for them.

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## SONS SEEK TWO DAYS FOR MOTHER IN RUINED HOME

(By A Special Correspondent)

THREE SONS, leaving their wives and children in different parts of the country, rushed to their mother's house in Bristol when they heard it had been demolished by a bomb.

For two days, unaided, they tore frantically among the wreckage looking for her. Then they discovered her body.

Edgar Doggett, thirty-three, an ambulance driver, of Long Ashton, Somerset, reached his mother's home and found it had been flattened.

He searched in the darkness, but could find no one. Then, with his heart breaking, he returned to his job.

He was back at daybreak with his brother Leslie, twenty-seven, an aeroplane worker, and they wired to the third brother, Leonard, thirty-one, at Plymouth.

All night the brothers dug in the wreckage while Leonard was on a train on his way to Bristol.

Held up for hours in an air raid, he did not arrive until five o'clock next morning.

He joined his brothers and with two other relatives they dug throughout the day.

From neighbours they learned that their mother Mrs. Florence Doggett, fifty, had come out armed with a broom to sweep away the glass outside her broken windows.

### Sought Through Raids

Caught on the pavement Mrs. Doggett who husband is in hospital, rushed into the adjoining house for safety as bombs fell. She was found there with her dead neighbours.

Her epitaph will be: "Her sons loved her more than their lives."

Her sister Mrs. Boulton told me: "They were a wonderfully devoted family."

"The three boys have nearly killed themselves looking for their mother."

"They worked without rest and without sleep throughout air raid warnings."

"They vowed they would not leave their ruined home until they knew what had happened."

"It is hard to dig out your own dead, but so many homes have gone here there were few people to help them."

The youngest son, Ivor, was drowned in the Royal Oak.

### LEFT HIM GUESSING

"I dined with the next President of the U.S. last week," said shrewd, saturnine Lord Beaverbrook, British aircraft production chief recently to a London friend, Wendell Wilkie? Press Lord Beaverbrook grinned. He had also dined with Harry Hopkins, he pointed out.

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## PUP SAVED MISTRESS AGED SEVEN

A puppy, tunnelling his way through 4ft. of debris, saved his seven-year-old mistress after a recent air raid on Southampton.

The girl, Mary Chilver, her dog in her lap, was with her parents and her seventeen-year-old sister Dorothy in their garden shelter when a bomb fell about five yards away.

The family were buried and there was no sign of Mary.

Then the rescuers heard whining and scratching, and the face of the puppy Terry, a corgie, appeared through a hole in the debris.

Terry had scratched his way to freedom through 4ft. of stones, bricks and earth.

He had left a channel through which air flowed to his trapped mistress.

The puppy's appearance showed the almost despairing rescuers where to seek the child. After a few minutes' work they freed her.

She was practically unhurt, though suffering from shock.

### Trapped Mother Waited

Mary's father said: "Terry undoubtedly saved Mary's life. She remained buried for quite twenty minutes after the bomb exploded."

"I started to dig with my hands to reach her. As I worked down I could faintly hear Mary call 'Mummy'. She seemed to be choking as earth filled her mouth."

"It drove me almost desperate and I worked frantically. My wife, whose spine had been injured, was still pinned by the debris."

"Having uncovered her face and shoulders we left her to rescue Mary."

"When, eventually, we found Mary, who was on the point of collapse, a large fragment of bomb was resting on her chest."

## HERO WAS ON LEAVE

Six-foot Seafarer Stanley Henry Batchelor, possessor of a rich tenor voice, was to marry a twenty-four-year-old North Country girl.

He got special leave from Chatham and went off gallily to London humming "There'll always be an England." The song, he told his friends always inspired him, and it was his ambition to sing it over the radio.

Two days before the wedding there was an air raid, and Stanley heard bombs falling.

He borrowed a car and rushed to his fiancée's house, only to find that it had already been bombed. He helped to bring his fiancée's body out of the ruins.

But in face of tragedy he carried in with his rescue work.

For seven hours he worked among the ruined houses in the neighbourhood, rescuing people buried in the debris, ignoring the falling bombs, carrying on even when the Nazis came low to machine-gun the toiling rescuers.

After a rest he was out again, working all through the night. And for the rest of his leave he was almost continually out helping raid victims. Then he collapsed and was taken to hospital.

While on his sick-bed he has received the congratulations of the London Regional Commissioner on the "great assistance cheerfully rendered by him" during the raids.

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# Recreio Aces Trumped By St. Joseph's In League Finale

## Frankie Gonzalez In Brilliant Pitching Form

By "Grandstand"

ST. JOSEPH'S WOUND UP THE SENIOR LEAGUE IN WHIRLWIND FASHION WHEN THEY TRUMPED THE RECREIO ACES FOR A 3-0 CALCIMINING IN A DAZZLING, ERRORLESS DISPLAY, TO ANNEX THE LI KWOK-YING SHIELD AND THE SEASON'S SOFTBALL TITLE WHICH GOES WITH IT.

With the exception of Lino Gosano, who was still on the sick-list, mentor Riri Noronha fielded the identical team which ecstatic scribes last year called the unbeatable team. The Rambling Rees were a wonderful thing, so was the one horse shay until the automobile took its place!

Yes, Collegian hurler Frankie Gonzalez just about settled that mythical Recreio "pin" once and for all, when he nuzzled the Ramblers' artillery, and dished out two measly singles, the only time the Aces placed runner on base whilst his team made were collecting even after all a roundman Gerry Gosano. But here the story

of which he stretched into doubles George Souza and Art Ozorio both cuffed a brace of single in their three chances, to come in for a share of the honours.

### Out Of Fire

In the other Senior tilt, the Chinese Baseballers pulled the game out of the fire, with a five-run upswing in the fifth frame, to make good a two-run deficit, the game ending 8-4 in favour of the Lamens.

Although issuing free transportation to first to six Islanders, hurler Denham Gray bore down in the pinches and killed nine Filipinos, yielding two scattered hits, whilst chucker Lefty Ampel allowed 10 safeties, of which two were doubles.

George White and Willie Wilson, both connected safely two in four times, the latter including a ring double, whilst hurler Denham Gray, clouted the other extra-base blow.

The Filipinos dished out the only twin-killing of the frames, right gardeners Hilderson hauling down Howard Lee's long fly, and pegging Strahl off first.

## MINDANAO SOON STRIKE BEST FORM

By "Grandstand"

At the sun-drenched Caroline Hill ballpark on Saturday, the U.S.S. Mindanao nine smartly drubbed a Canadian squad by 18-1 in an early-season practice game.

Mindanao hurler Powlowski, the Pulversing Polack, turned on the heat from the initial chapter and whiffed nine Canadians as he fed them his torrid heaves, mixing speed with curves, whilst losing chucker "Wild" Bill Smith, fanned six Chasemen, but walked no less than ten to first.

Powlowski allowed two safeties, whilst Smith was nicked for 11 blows.

The Mindanaos jumped right into the lead with a four-run start in the initial frame on two singles, assisted by two Maple Leaf bobbles, after two were away.

For four innings the Canadians couldn't reach first base, and it looked like a no-hit shutout, when Pinky Higgins connect for a blooper to short centre, pilfered second and scored on a sacrifice and two wild heaves, to save the Canadians from a whitewashing.

Hammering Smith for four safeties, the Mindanao barking bats pushed six counters over the pan in the sixth, whilst another spurge of five tallies on only one safety in the seventh froze the game for them.

### C.C.C. TEAM FOR VITAL MATCH

The following will represent Craigengower Cricket Club in a Second Division League Cricket match against Kowloon Cricket Club on Saturday, at 2.00 p.m., on the K.C.C. ground:—

A. M. Omar (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, U. H. Esmail, A. B. Hamson, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, E. A. Lee, J. W. Leonard, T. Lock, U. M. Omar and W. K. Way.

## FINAL SENIOR LEAGUE TABLE

	W	L	Pctg
St. Joseph's	12	2	85.7
H.K. Baseballers	11	3	78.6
Indian Softballers	10	4	71.4
Chinese Baseballers	7	7	50.0
Cyclones	7	7	50.0
Recreio Aces	7	7	50.0
Filipinos	2	12	14.3
Canadian Chinese	0	11	0.00

## INTER-HONG LEAGUE

By "Grandstand"

Playing before a handful of spectators, the Lacas shellacked the Shell Oilers 10-2 to earn a 9-6 victory in the curtain-raiser on the Kowloon Football Club ground.

Both teams played air-tight ball for the first frame, both sides being retired in order, but a couple of Lacas misuses, in the second chapter allowed three Shell tallies to cross the pan for a flying start. The Dockyard team, however, trimmed the lead by pushing one marker across in the third, and unleached a barrage of three safeties for a live-run spurge in the fourth session to take the lead, and enched the game by producing another cluster of three runs in the last stanza.

### Longest Hits

Madden Arculli and R. A. "Baby" Abbas both banged in three-baggers for the longest hits of the day.

Skipper Jimmy South had a chance of being the hero of the day, when he strolled up to the platter, with the sacks soused, swinging two bats. He only tapped out a feeble roller to hurler Abiong for a fielder's choice, however.

Laca moundsman Nazarin fanned three and walked three, whilst Dimby Abiong, who toiled on the hill for the Oilers, walked four without whiffing any.

### Free Hitting

In a friendly tilt, the Texaco Oilers trounced the Cosmopolitan Club nine 7-2 in a friendly tilt, featuring free hitting on both sides. Texacan short-stop, Johnnie Schaberg, led the parade with a three-base blow and a pair of doubles in four trips to the platter, and Lone Star Ranger Larupin Lawrence, who worked on the slab, was nicked for seven safeties. Cosmopolitan moundsman Blas and Remedios yielded eight blows.

## EXHIBITION SOFTBALL

At a meeting held yesterday at the Club Lustang of representatives of all clubs affiliated to Hong Kong Softball Association, it was decided to stage two exhibition games, on Easter Monday for the benefit of the Chinese Warphan Fund.

The Senior League winners, St. Joseph's, were selected to meet the Stanley Mohawks, whilst the pennant winners in the Ladies' loop, the Wildcats, will engage an All-Star team.

It was revealed at the meeting

## US DRAFT CUTS SWATH IN SPORT'S RANKS

From the owner of a National Football League team to the slugging outfielder of a champion softball club, from the former bow man on a Pennsylvania varsity crew to a title-winning discus thrower, the sports world already is feeling the effects of the Selective Service Act, writes a correspondent from New York.

Most prominent of the sports figures that have figured in the draft news are Hank Greenberg of the Tigers, Dan Topping, owner of the Dodgers' pro football team, the national amateur golf champion, Dick Chapman, and Mottie Arnovich, the outfielder the Giants bought from Cincinnati only to discover the Army is likely to have first call on Mottie's services.

Greenberg and Arnovich are expected to trade their bats for gun before June 1. Topping already has taken his physical examination and Chapman should have no trouble there. Both have been told they will be placed in Class I-A.

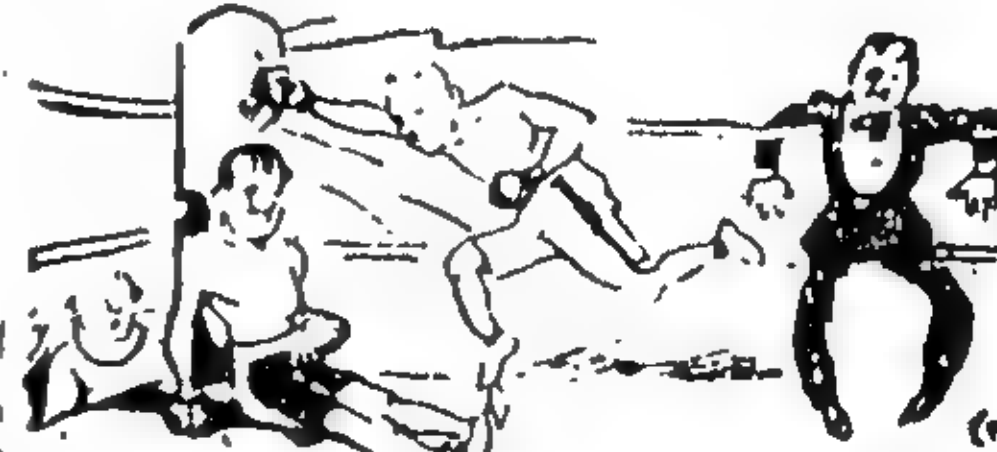
An Associated Press survey shows the organization hit hardest is New Mexico City. Every player on the football and basketball squads volunteered. Eight first-strings already are at Fort Bliss with the New Mexico National Guard and the others either have been placed on the Air Corps deferred list or are Reserve Corps officers.

### College Head Draft Official

Though H. W. James, president of the college, also is chairman of the county draft board, he did not ask deferment for one of the players. Coach Ray Brancheau has been left with little more than the water boy for his team.

University of Pennsylvania athletes, were among the first to enlist. Dick Marshall and Carl Zimmerman, former varsity oarsmen, Ned Fielden, an end on the football team, and Tom McNichols, basketball letter man, are in the Army Air Corps, and Walt Shinn, former football captain and later in the Giants baseball chain, is in the Navy Air Corps together with Bob Stevens, a halfback and all-America lacrosse star, and Cary Lincoln, oarsman.

Major League baseball so far has not been hit really hard. Besides Greenberg, who is due to get his questionnaire, and Arnovich, whose application for deferment has been denied, there are John Rigney, who won fifteen games for the White Sox last season and will get his questionnaire shortly; Gene Stack, a White Sox rookie pitcher up from Lubbock, Texas, who already is at Camp Custer, Mich., and Roy Bruter of Louisville, Ky., whom the Phillies planned to bring up from Baltimore until he was called to take his physical examination.



## PHELAN IS RENAMED CHAIRMAN OF N.Y. BOXING COMMISSION

Reappointment of Brig.-Gen. John J. Phelan, as chairman of the New York Boxing Commission for two years was sent to the Senate by Gov. Herbert H. Lehman. The chairman receives a salary of \$7500. The two other members, William J. Brown and David Walker, each receives \$25 a day when attending meetings.

that only a limited number of tickets will be sold, and enthusiasts are advised to obtain these at the earliest opportunity to avoid disappointment.

## GRAPHIC GOLF



### The Backstroke

By Best Ball

Many a golfer makes the mistake of thinking that by drawing his body up in the backstroke to a degree that causes a definite sway to the right and a tensing of all the muscles, he is putting himself in the best possible position to put power into his swing. As can be seen from the smaller, lower panel above, such a player is all wrapped up in his effort and it is going to take considerable unwrapping to bring the clubhead back to the ball correctly. Quite likely the weight will remain on the right foot during this effort and cause the player to fall away from the ball at impact.

The larger panel discloses a smoothly executed full backswing, in which the body has turned well around yet its position has remained constant. There is no contortion here, the body can unwind naturally and evenly on the downstroke with the greatest amount of precision.

Next Article: — Relaxing Left Hand Grip may alter Right's Hold On Club.

## S. CHINA TO TOUR STRAITS

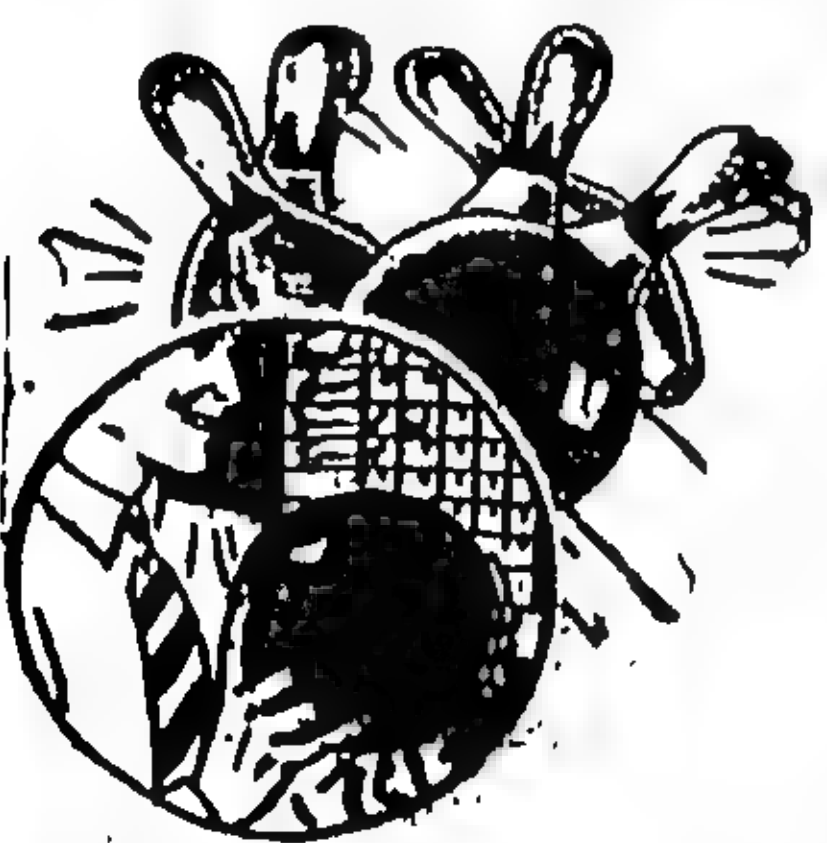
By "Referee"

As the proposed Australian tour has fallen through and the visit to Manila cancelled owing to the decision of the P.A.A.F. following the unpleasant incidents which followed the Eastern-Y.C.O. game there recently, South China Athletic Association have decided to tour the Straits Settlements and the Federated Malay States during the Summer.

Negotiations have now been completed and the team is expected to leave immediately after the Governor's Cup game. All arrangements have been made in Singapore by Pau Ka-ping, former South China goalkeeper and captain.

At present South China only intend to play in the Straits but it is possible that when there, they may receive invitations to visit Java and other places.

The team will be captained by Lee Wai-long and will include a number of junior players for the sake of giving them experience.



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# "Young Wild Bull Of Pampas" Picked As Coming World Boxing Champion

## MISHAPS AT THE VALLEY

By "Rapier"

Master Li Shiu-fai, son of Mr. Li Po-chun, had a miraculous escape from serious injury this morning.

He was taking out Portrush, belonging to Mr. H. Leigh, which has been entered for the Taiwan Bay Handicap (Second Section) to be run on Saturday, for its preparation gallop. On reaching the mile post the pony turned around and bolted, running back to the stables.

Blocked off by a Russian trainer and a Chinese mafuo in the middle of the grass track, the pony collided with the bamboo fence and Master Li was hurled from the saddle, luckily coming down on his back with his head missing the ground by inches.

Undaunted by the mishap, Master Li later went out on the pony, which was led by a mafuo to the mile post, from where the mile gallop was completed.

Later Mr. R. M. Wood took out Well Done, belong to Mr. R. H. C. for a trot. On reaching the 1-1/2 mile post the pony stumbled and Mr. Wood and unseated although. He was completely uninjured and remounted to finish the exercise.

### FOAL RECORD SET

A record number of 6395 foals was registered with the Jockey Club during 1940 states a message from New York.

## NEW SCORING SYSTEM FOR BOWLS LEAGUE

A new method of league lawn bowls scoring on similar lines to the system in Shanghai was adopted at the annual meeting of the Lawn Bowls Association yesterday when Sir Atholl MacGregor, Vice-President, presided.

The new method of scoring will award an aggregate of five points to each league game, the winners on the aggregate number of shots for all three rinks winning two of these points, and each winning rink scoring a point.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President, Sir Atholl MacGregor,  
Vice-President, Mr. J. A. Fraser.  
Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. P. Phillips.  
Hon. Treasurer, Mr. L. A. Gutierrez.

Mr. Phillips read the following letter from the bowls representative of Club de Recreo:

"I am directed by my Committee to place before the annual meeting for their consideration, the following proposals:

1.—That the present method of scoring league points be abandoned and in its stead a total of five points be at stake in every match as follows:—Two points for a win on aggregate number of shots; one point for each winning rink.

2.—That the composition of the first and second divisions be limited to eight teams each and third division, if too unwieldy, be split into two sections, or alternatively, have a fourth division.

3.—That the latter proposition, besides making reasonably sure that all important fixtures are completed by the end of August, will provide ample time for the open and club championships to be played before the interest in bowls begins to decline.

4.—Pointing out the advantages of the new scoring system, the Chairman, Sir Atholl MacGregor, said that in comparison with the old system it would be a more accurate reflection of the actual state of the game.

5.—Sir Atholl, in his opening remarks, said that the meeting was held in a very pleasant atmosphere.

LUIS ANGEL FIRPO has discovered a "young wild bull of the pampas," writes Herman H. Barger from Buenos Aires.

Firpo — who knocked Jack Dempsey out of the ring 17 years ago in pugilism's most thrilling brawl — predicts that his discovery, young Abel Cestac, will be heavyweight champion of the world within three years.

Cestac, a big, handsome Argentine cowboy, is but an amateur with only four bouts under his belt. However, the enthused Firpo declares that Cestac is a better boxer and more deadly puncher than even he (Firpo) was in his prime.

After watching Cestac stiffen his sparmates and win all four bouts by knockouts, Firpo said delightedly, "he is the only man I ever call wild bull besides myself."

### Huge Hands

Cestac, dark-haired and beautifully proportioned, packs 222 pounds on a six-foot-three-inch beam. His hands are larger even than the original "wild bulls" huge meat-hooks. Firpo claims you can hit Abel on the chin with an axe "an' it no hurt heem." But the fans don't know yet whether Angel's discovery can take it because none of his four opponents ever got close enough to find out—after that thundering right connected with their jaws.

Cestac is 22 years old and learning fast. Big, jovial Firpo has had him under his wing since July, when he found Cestac wrestling with a steer and giving the animal the worst of it.

Firpo is now a big-time rancher on the pampas. He owns a ranch 12 miles square, stocked with 8,000 cattle, 4,000 sheep and 400 horses. Firpo lives at this ranch in Carlos Casares and spends most of his time in the saddle, coming to Buenos Aires occasionally for business.

### Youthful Giant

It seems that Luis Angel was riding past another ranch one cool day last July. He explains that he saw a cloud of dust on the horizon, so he rode over to investigate. He surprised a youthful giant roughing it up with a full grown and belligerent steer. Luis wanted to know why the youngster wrestled with the steer, instead of testing his prowess with men. And, "Abel, he say thees men he knows are not so strong to give him fun, but the steer, he is strong. So—I say maybe you would like job on my rancho—Yes? an' I will show you how to make mon-ee having fun—fighting. Abel, he theenks I'm keedling about the mon-ee for fun, but he say hokey."

### Ready In A Year

Firpo figures that the "young bull" will be ready for competition in the United States in another year. Meanwhile, he will keep Cestac busy training at the ranch and fighting in Buenos Aires. Firpo may visit New York next month, but without his protégé. He is planning a business trip, his first to New York since 1924 when he fought Harry Wills.

## SOCCER OFFICIALS

Following is the soccer programme and appointments for the week-end ending April 14:

SATURDAY, APRIL 12	
South China v Navy	(Navy ground, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Kossick.	
Linesmen:—Beard and Foster.	
First Division	
Club v Middlesex	(Club, 4.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Rev. Hinchcliffe.	
Linesmen:—Fraser and Pike.	
Junior Shield Final	
South China v Service Corps	(Navy ground, 2.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Mario.	
Linesmen:—Glover and Mitchell.	
Second Division	
Middlesex v Club	(Club, 3 p.m.)
Referee:—Wilson.	
Third Division	
35th R.A. v Engineers	
Referee:—Banham.	
(Stanley, 3 p.m.)	
SUNDAY	
First Division	
Police v Royal Scots	(Boundary Street, 4.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Glover.	
Linesmen:—Copsey and Thorley.	
Second Division	
Police v Sing Tao	(Boundary Street, 3 p.m.)
Referee:—Baker.	
MONDAY, APRIL 14	
Exhibition Match	
South China (First Division Champions) v The Rest	(Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Beard.	
Linesmen:—Rev. Hinchcliffe and Ford.	
Third Division Championship (Play-off)	
Royal Air Force v R.C. of Signals	(Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Glover.	
Linesmen:—Fraser and Emmons.	

## NEW WARTIME GOLF RULES

A golf club near London has posted the following wartime rules, states a message from London.

1.—The position of known delayed action bombs will be marked by red flags placed at a reasonable but not guaranteed safe distance.

2.—A ball removed by enemy action may be replaced as near as possible to where it lay, or it may be destroyed. Another ball may be dropped not nearer the hole without penalty.

3.—Competitors during a gun fire or while bombs are falling may take cover without penalty.

## INVENTS VAULT TAKE-OFF AID

Earl Meadows, leading American pole vaulter of the current season, has invented a take-off gadget which he says will make possible 16-foot leaps outdoors. The device employs no springs, but grips the pole and acts like a lever to swing it upward, reducing the friction of the pole against the slot. Meadows claims his invention will enable a vaulter to convert about 90 per cent of his forward motion upward compared with about 70 per cent now. Dan Ferriss, an American secretary, has authorized him to provide one of his devices for experimental use.

### BASKETBALL

Two basketball games in aid of the Y.M.C.A. Relief Committee were staged yesterday at Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A.

Hong Kong A.R.P. girls were defeated by the visiting Macao All Stars 26-39.

In the boys' game Hong Kong Pal Ying School smashed the Macao All Stars 50-38.

### CHESS RESULTS

A. Y. Biriukoff experienced his first defeat in the Colony Junior Chess Championship last night when he dropped a point to J. Tausz. In the only other game played, A. Kurik beat E. H. Petrov.

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# GREEK OFFENSIVE ON THE ALBANIAN FRONT

## Strong Attack Meets With Exceptional Success

### Italian Lines Taken By Storm

THE OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS BEGUN BY THE GREEK TROOPS ON THE ALBANIAN FRONT ON MONDAY CONTINUE WITH "EXCEPTIONAL SUCCESS," ACCORDING TO LATEST REPORTS FROM THE FRONT, SAYS ATHENS RADIO LAST NIGHT.

The announcer continued: "In the early hours of Monday, after artillery preparation, our forces launched a strong attack. The violence of our action was so great that enemy fortified positions, barbed wire entanglements and machine-gun nests were annihilated.

"The enemy was chased out of its position and suffered a real debacle in men and material. The fighting continued throughout the day."

"The Italians left dead and wounded and war material on the battlefield and prisoners in our hands."

#### Sweeping Advance

Describing the attack, the correspondent of the "Front of the Athens" newspaper "Estra" says: "Greek military detachments fell upon the enemy with tremendous violence."

"Fortified works, machine-gun posts and several lines of trenches were captured at the point of the bayonet in a sweeping charge."

#### Many Prisoners

Our troops then occupied and captured these Italian positions. Prisoners were taken in big numbers together with plentiful food and ammunition. "It has to be said that the losses of the enemy were heavy."—Reuter.

#### BELGRADE ON THE AIR AGAIN

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### MATSUOKA'S MOSCOW VISIT PROLONGED?

Mr. Matsuoka, who was scheduled to leave Moscow on Thursday for Tokyo, is now to stay in the Soviet capital until Easter Sunday, according to an official German news agency despatch from Moscow yesterday.—Reuter.

### N.Y.K. MANAGER FOUND HANGED

A verdict of suicide was recorded at the inquest on Mr. Hiroji Uemura, manager of the N.Y.K. in Bombay, who was found dead at his residence.

It was revealed at the inquest that the body was discovered hanging in the bathroom of the flat occupied by Mr. Uemura. The doctor also deposed that it was a distinct case of hanging.

Evidence in regard to the reasons for suicide was not submitted and the coroner, addressing the jury, said the law did not require them to find out anything more than this.

He added: "We have nothing to do with the question why he committed suicide."

The jury returned a unanimous verdict of suicide by hanging.

#### Police Search

Inquiries revealed that two Parsi employees of the N.Y.K. were arrested under the Defence of India Rules a few days ago on a charge of the collection of shipping information useful to the enemy, following which the police searched the N.Y.K. office on Saturday.—Reuter.

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### STOP PRESS

Twenty-seven Japanese bombers carried out a devastating raid over Kunming shortly after noon yesterday.

Numerous light and heavy bombs and incendiary bombs were showered over various parts of the city causing three big fires, as a result of which many houses were demolished and burned down.

The British Consulate, the office of the National Red Cross Society of China and several other institutions were damaged.

Yesterday's raid was the first since February 26.—Central News.

President Roosevelt, says Reuter, yesterday indicated that Danish ships in American waters would be purchased and Axis ships probably "forfeited."

It was emphatically denied in Rome that Yugoslav troops have occupied Fiume, Zara and Scutari, says Rome radio.—Reuter.

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### SERBIAN DEFENCES TRIUMPH

Belgrade radio broadcast a Yugoslav High Command communique last night stating:

"On all fronts the situation is in our favour. Enemy attacks have been repulsed with the greatest vigour. This is even admitted by the enemy radio station. Heavy losses were inflicted on the enemy. Our air force achieved special distinction in encounters with the enemy."—Reuter.

### GERMAN RAID ON ULSTER

The following joint communique was issued by the Ministry of Public Security for Northern Ireland and H.Q. R.A.F. Northern Ireland:

"The following additional information is available about the enemy air attack on an area in Northern Ireland on Monday night.

The attack was carried out by small forces of bombers and went on intermittently during the small hours of the morning.

A heavy barrage of A.A. fire was maintained by the ground defence and one enemy bomber was shot down.

A number of fires was started but the majority were extinguished by morning. The number of casualties was small but unfortunately a few were fatal." British Wireless.

### QUIET ROUND BRITISH COAST

One enemy fighter was shot down in the Channel yesterday.

A few bombs were dropped on the East Anglian coast at midday, causing little damage and no casualties, states the Air Ministry.

There was no alert in London up to a late hour last night.—Reuter.

### ENGLAND'S RAID CASUALTIES

Air raid casualties in Britain during March totalled 4,259 civilians killed and 5,557 injured and detained in hospital, the Minister of Home Security announced yesterday.—Reuter.

Of the killed 1,956 were men, 1,500 women and 503 children under 16, and of the injured 3,067 were men, 2,077 women and 413 children. Remaining 205 persons killed are not classified.—British Wireless.

Germans Seeking Access To Vardar Valley

## Important Units Shattered By Greek Defenders

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

THE STATEMENT IN THE GREEK OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE THAT THE YUGOSLAVS HAD FALLEN BACK ON THE GREEK LEFT WING, LEAVING IT "UNCOVERED," SUGGESTS THE GERMANS ARE PURSUING THE SAME STRATEGY IN THE BALKANS AS IN FRANCE, WHERE THEIR DRIVE AGAINST THE "HINGE" OF THE FRENCH AND BELGIAN LINES FORCED A WEDGE BETWEEN THE NORTH AND SOUTH ALLIED ARMIES WITH RESULTS WHICH THE WORLD KNOWS.

It would seem that the Germans are now attempting to establish themselves between the Greeks and Yugoslavs by a lateral thrust along the Strumitza Valley which, if successful, would give access to the Vardar Valley.

It might even be pushed to the Albanian borders so as to link up with the Italians.

But conditions in France were very different from those prevailing in Yugoslavia to-day. In France not only were there magnificent roads, which made travel and transport easy, but food and petrol were available at every village and every crossroad.

In southern Serbia the roads are little better than tracks, and both petrol and supplies will have to be carried with the advance.

#### The Wedge

Also in France the wedge formed was so wide and strong that it was proof against Allied attempts to cut across it.

In Yugoslavia its width is limited by the capacity of the road, which is indeed small.

The Germans appear to have met with some initial success against the Serbs, and in the circumstances this was to be expected.

EXPOSED TO THE WHIRLWIND ATTACK OF NAZI MECHANISED FORCES, INADEQUATELY EQUIPPED WITH ANTI-TANK WEAPONS AND UNABLE TO COUNT ON EFFECTIVE AIR SUPPORT, THE SERBIANS APPEAR TO HAVE HAD A CRUEL BAPTISM OF FIRE.

But they are tough and full of fight, with marvellous recuperative powers. It is therefore too early to attach undue importance to German claims.—Reuter.

#### Italian Denial

It was emphatically denied in Rome that Yugoslav troops have occupied Flume, Zara and Scutari, says Rome radio.

#### Germans Wiped Out

Several hundred German troops attempting to move down the Nes-

tos River in rubber boats were caught in the crossfire of Greek forces and wiped out, reports the Athens correspondent of the Independent French agency.

In Monday's fighting the German attacks were held and the Greeks counter-attacked at several points.

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## GRAVE LEAK IN BLOCKADE

Striking allegations about trade between France and the colonies were made by the Liberal M.P., Mr. Geoffrey Mander, in the House of Commons yesterday.

In a question he suggested that weekly crossings between France and Africa average 70, that ships pass Gibraltar from Dakar, Morocco, Indo-China and Antilles largely unchallenged, and that imports between October and February amounted to many tons of wine, meat, grain, peanut oil, fruit, fish, sugar, rum and cocoa.

He wanted to know what the British Government was doing to prevent such articles reaching the enemy.

MR. HUGH DALTON, MINISTER OF ECONOMIC WARFARE, WAS NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT ALL MR. MANDER'S STATEMENT AS ACCURATE BUT CONFESSED THE STATE OF AFFAIRS REFERRED TO GIVE GROUND FOR "GRAVE DISSATISFACTION."

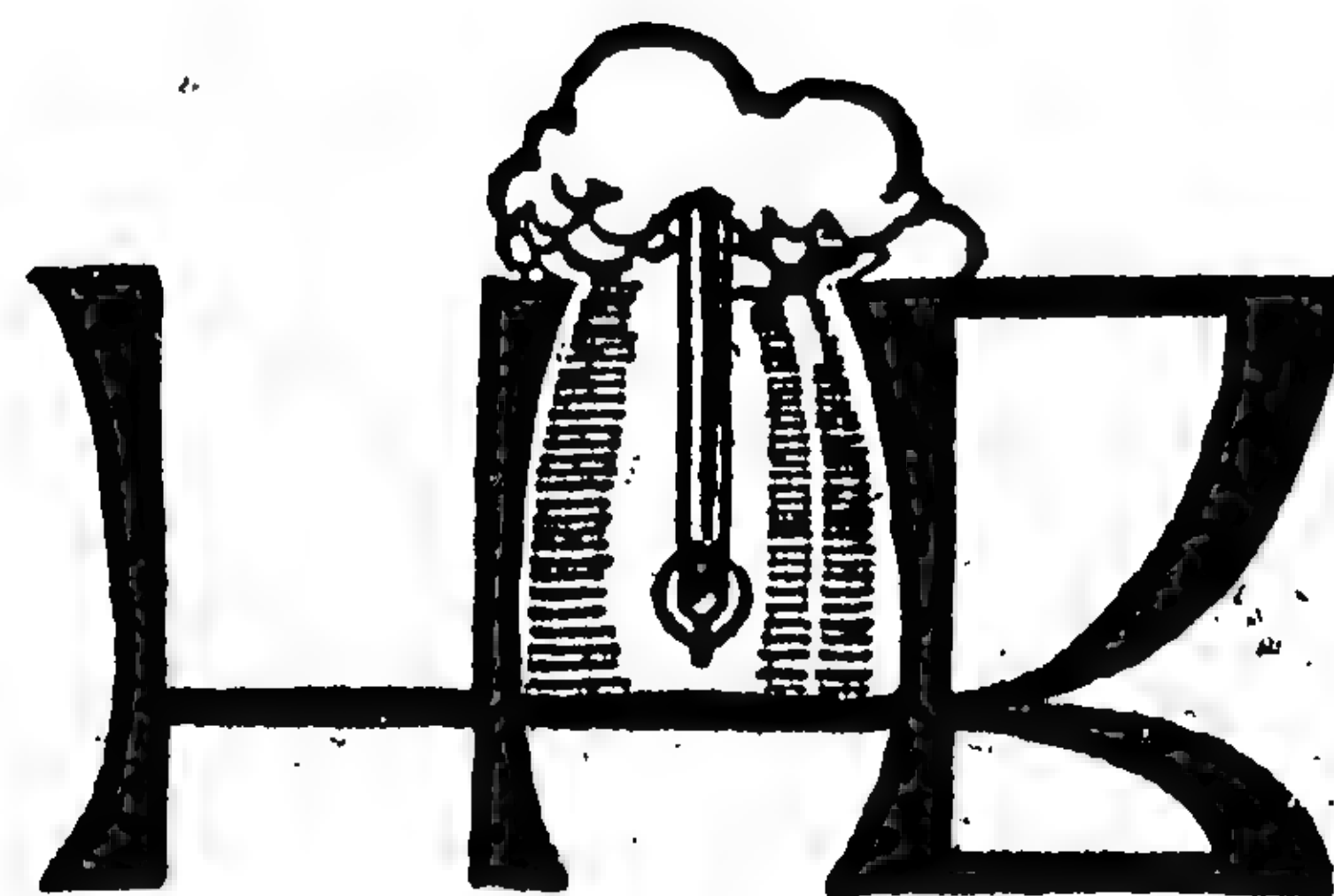
Mr. Dalton added Britain in no degree waived her belligerent rights.—Reuter.

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# NAZI STRATEGY IN YUGOSLAVIA

## Endeavouring To Cut Communication Lines Weight Of Effort Concentrated On Bulgarian Borders

THE MAIN GERMAN DRIVE AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA IS AIMED AT THE VITAL COMMUNICATION CENTRES OF NISH AND SKIFOE, IN THE HOPE OF CUTTING THE YUGOSLAV ARMY IN TWO, ACCORDING TO USUALLY WELL-INFORMED SOURCES IN ANKARA YESTERDAY.

Another push is being made from Petrich, in the extreme south-western corner of Bulgaria, down the tributary of the Struma River towards Strumica, whence the Germans could thrust across country towards the valley of the Varda River.

### BREAKING WITH HUNGARY

Both the Netherlands and Belgium, whose Governments are in London, have decided to break off relations with Hungary, Reuter learns.

The Netherlands Charge d'Affaires in Budapest has been instructed by the Netherlands Government to leave his post. The Belgian Minister in Budapest will leave by way of Moscow by the same route that the British Minister is expected to use, Reuter.

### BRITISH GRAVES

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO THE WAR OFFICE, ANSWERING A COMMONS QUESTION, SAID THE IMPERIAL WAR GRAVES COMMISSION WERE STILL WITHOUT DEFINITE INFORMATION AS TO THE CONDITION OF THE GREAT MAJORITY OF BRITISH WAR CEMETERIES IN FRANCE.

In a few cases they had heard of devoted care given to graves by the local population and in no case had they heard of wanton damage or disrespect.

They had lately heard that the Belgian authorities had carried out a careful and orderly collection and removal of bodies of British dead of May and June, 1940, and had also assumed care of British war cemeteries of 1914/1921. British Wireless.

### PALESTINE RATES UP

A 25 PER CENT INCREASE IN RATES HAS BEEN DECIDED ON BY THE JERUSALEM MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

The increase is due to a general desire in Palestine to ease the burden on the British taxpayers, who contribute grants towards the expense of Palestine municipalities.

The drastic provisions of the British Budget greatly impressed all quarters in Palestine, and the higher rate was announced subsequent to publication of the British Budget figures.—Reuter.

### M.P. ELECTED UNOPPOSED

Mr. P. W. Jewson has been returned unopposed as National Liberal M. P. for Great Yarmouth to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Sir Arthur Harbord.—British Wireless.

### RUMANIA STOPS OIL SUPPLIES TO TURKEY

Rumanian oil companies have stopped deliveries of lubricating oil to Turkey, reports the Istanbul correspondent of the Independent French Agency.

The action is said to have been taken because the entire production is absorbed by home needs.—Reuter.

### MEXICO'S GESTURE

THE MEXICAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SENT A MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY WITH GREECE AND YUGOSLAVIA TO THE MEXICAN CONSUL-GENERAL IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

The message says Mexico has no diplomatic relations with Greece and Yugoslavia but an official link is not required by two peoples for one to feel moved when the other is dragged into a conflict for the development of which it has no blame.—Reuter.

These sources state that the German forces in Bulgaria consist of four groups.

The first has headquarters at Svilengrad, on the Turkish frontier, the second is based on Kustendil, near the Yugoslav frontier, the third is in north-west Bulgaria and the fourth is being held in reserve near Sofia.

THE GERMAN AIR FORCE IS ATTACKING YUGOSLAVIA WITH TWO MAIN AIR FLEETS OPERATING FROM RUMANIA AND BULGARIA.

#### German Claims

Meanwhile the German news agency last night claimed that German troops are continuing the advance into Serbia "despite great destruction of roads and very difficult country."

"Considerable war material, including a large number of medium and heavy guns and motorized batteries, have been captured," it claims.

It adds that large quantities of infantry ammunition fell into the hands of the advancing troops during these operations.—Reuter.

## MASSIVE RAIDS ON NAZI POSITIONS IN BULGARIA

HEAVY RAIDS BY FORMATIONS OF R.A.F. BOMBERS ON ENEMY POSITIONS IN BULGARIA DURING THE NIGHT OF SUNDAY ARE REPORTED IN A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY HEADQUARTERS OF THE BRITISH FORCES IN GREECE YESTERDAY.

The communique says a railway junction and marshalling yards in Sofia were attacked successfully, direct hits causing many fires and explosions in the railway yards and industrial area.

Railway trucks were seen to be hurled into the air, while lorries in the Struma Valley road were machine-gunned.

Another formation bombed the railway station at Gorna Djumaya, where fires were started.

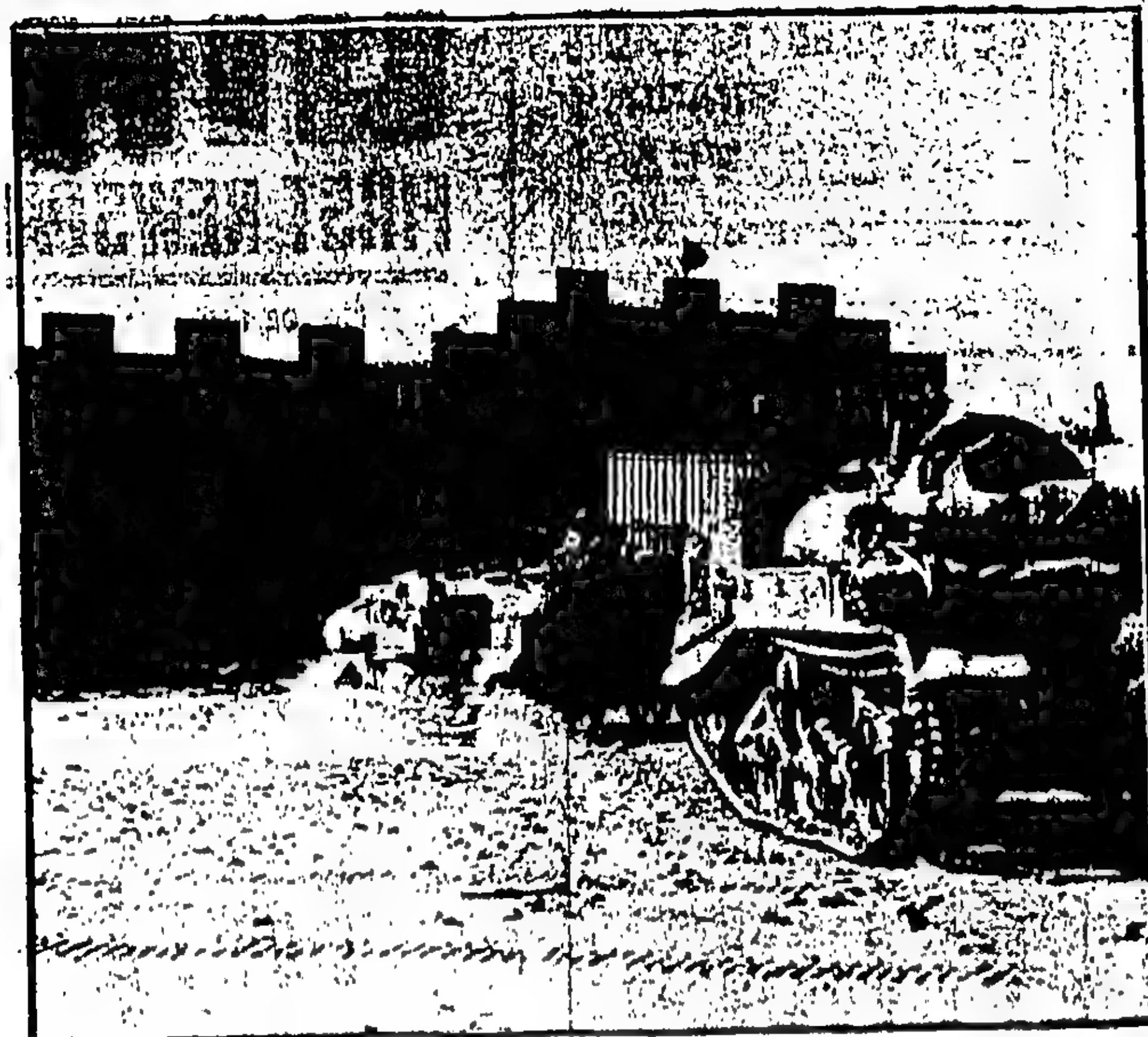
At Simitli railway and road junction, a motor transport convoy and troop concentrations were attacked.

Bombs straddled the railway and road, exploding near some sheds and causing many fires. The motor transport convoy was successfully machine-gunned.

The town of Petrich was also raided by our bombers but full results could not be observed owing to smoke from numerous fires in the area.

### U.S. NAVAL AIR ATTACHE

Major James McHugh, Assistant U.S. Naval Air Attache in Chungking, has been promoted Naval Air Attache to the Embassy. It is officially announced by the U.S. Embassy. He succeeds Capt. John M. Creighton.—Reuter.



British Bren gun carriers beside the battered wall of Fort Capuzzo. Many of the troops who took part in the Libyan operations are now in Greece. (Copyright, Fox).

## SOFIA RAILWAY STATION BLOTTED OUT

"I SHOULD NOT LIKE TO HAVE BEEN ANYWHERE NEAR SOFIA RAILWAY STATION ON SUNDAY NIGHT, AS THE NEIGHBOURHOOD OF THE RAILWAY JUNCTION MUST HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY UNHEALTHY," SAID ONE OF THE R.A.F. PILOTS ON RETURN FROM THE RAID ON SOFIA.

He continued: "One stick of bombs from our aircraft scored direct hits on the tracks and we saw trucks being hurled into the air."

"It was good bombing all right. We were not the only ones to score because we saw a continuous white glow where the station buildings of Sofia should have been when we arrived."

"My navigator was saved much trouble by the fires which guided us to our target. It was a small edition of the fires which burn every night in the Ruhr."

"The front gunner put paid to the crews of a couple of searchlights and an anti-aircraft gun before we got down to business."

#### Crack At Convoys

"Anti-aircraft fire was pretty intense but we got to our targets all right, bombed and stayed to watch the results."

"Then we had a crack at convoys on the road down the Struma Valley, machine-gunning them. After that we made for home."—Reuter.

## LEOPOLD'S BIRTHDAY

KING LEOPOLD OF THE BELGIANS, WHOSE BIRTHDAY OCCURRED YESTERDAY, IS DESCRIBED AS "OUR PRISONER KING" IN AN ORDER OF THE DAY ISSUED TO HIS TROOPS BY GENERAL VAN STRIJDOCK DE BURKEL, COMMANDER OF THE BELGIAN FORCES IN GREAT BRITAIN.

He urges his men to "work, train ourselves and prepare for victory. We shall chase the Boche, we shall deliver our King, we shall free Belgium who will rise again great, united and prosperous."—Reuter.

## BERLIN NOT SURPRISED

The German view of the rupture of Anglo-Hungarian diplomatic relations was given by a Wilhelmstrasse spokesman quoted by the German radio yesterday.

He described it as a "flight before events which was bound to happen one day."

Replying to a question the spokesman declared Turkey was not part of the Balkans and that as far as Berlin was aware nothing had changed in German-Turkish relations since the exchange of messages between Hitler and the Turkish President.—Reuter.

## SOVIET UPSETS BERLIN

The Soviet - Yugoslav Pact made a great impression in Berlin.

Political circles there are excitedly speculating on the reason for the Russian action, which is "hardly likely to give Berlin an impression that Russia is particularly friendly," states the Berlin correspondent of the "Stockholm Tidningen."—Reuter.



# Fifty German Submarine Officers Now Prisoners

## ADMIRALTY HINT OF LOSSES AMONG U-BOATS

OVER 50 GERMAN U-BOAT officers, including one of Germany's ace commanders, and considerably more than 400 German petty officers and men, are prisoners of war.

These figures are given in an Admiralty communique issued yesterday which adds that the number of U-boats operating has lately been large, and British counter-measures have recently met with correspondingly greater success.

## MASTERY OF AIR IN 'LIBYA'

Aircraft of the R.A.F. and the Royal Australian Air Force in Cyrenaica have been operating continuously for the past week, covering the concentration of Imperial troops in their new positions and harassing the enemy's lines of communication, says yesterday's Middle East communique.

The communique adds our bombers raided aerodromes in the neighbourhood of Benghazi and, assisted by fighters, attacked enemy motor transport and troop concentrations ceaselessly. Detailed reports are not available but during one day alone our fighters shot down 14 enemy aircraft, believed to be German, without loss to themselves. On another day four enemy aircraft were destroyed, again without the loss of a British plane.—Reuter.

## EFFECTIVE RAID ON KOMBULCHA

Yesterday's R.A.F. communique in Nairobi stated that further details of the South African air raid on Kombulcha on Sunday show that our fighters destroyed ten enemy aircraft dispersed at the aerodrome and damaged others of all types.

In addition, our fighter escort shot down two CR42s at Kombulcha, where another enemy aircraft taking off was also damaged, and another taxiing on the runway destroyed.

Other bombers scored direct hits on aerodrome buildings at Dessie and several heavy bombs were dropped on a motor transport park north of the buildings.

Motor transport on the Dessie road was attacked by bombers and fighters and several lorries were also attacked.—Reuter.

## MATCHEK CALL TO CROATS

A call to the Croats for unity and discipline was uttered over Zagreb radio last night by Dr. Matchek, the Croat leader and Vice-Premier in General Simovitch's Cabinet.

The catastrophe of war, he says, can be lessened if they are united and disciplined.

Assuring the Croats he is going to remain among them and share with them every sorrow and trial, he urges them to "have faith in God and the unity of the Peasant Party."—Reuter.

## MR. MATSUOKA NOT EXACTLY LUCKY

THE "O JOURNAL" of Rio de Janeiro says Mr. Matsuoka was not particularly lucky. The very day he arrived in Berlin the admission of Yugoslavia to the Axis was one of the main features of the Nazi triumph to be presented the illustrious visitor, but was converted into a smashing defeat.

Mr. Matsuoka cannot have failed to notice the disconcerting effect of the turnabout on the whole political and strategic plans of the Axis in the Balkans.

After the deception the Japanese diplomat set a course for Italy and the same day he arrived among streamers and songs of joy in Rome, the Fascist fleet suffered a tremendous defeat in the Ionian Sea.

MR. MATSUOKA'S MISSION CAN HAVE A DEFINITE RESULT FOR THE AXIS ALLIANCE IN THE SENSE OF DENUDING IT OF ANY PRACTICAL EFFECT.

Ever keen and intelligent, the Japanese will at the right moment call the pacifist group into the Government, and Admiral Yonai, former President of the Council and known friend of the United States and England, will return, perhaps as head of the Cabinet, which will rid itself of compromises which no longer correspond to the interests of the Japanese Empire.—Reuter.

We sustain must be expected. In Anti-U-boat warfare it is frequently impossible to save life and we have record of many U-boats that have been destroyed from which no prisoners were recovered.—British Wireless.

One of the prisoners is Commander Kretschmer, captain of U-boat 99, who is regarded in Germany as one of the most notable and successful of U-boat commanders.

In August, 1940, he was decorated with the Knight's Cross, or Iron Cross.

Last December Hitler bestowed on him the oak leaves denoting a higher class of this decoration. He recently also received special promotion.

It was Commander Kretschmer who sank the two British auxiliary cruisers, *Laurentic* and *Patrolus*, according to the German High Command.

### Italians Also

The High Command in December claimed he was the first commander to exceed 250,000 tons of sunk tonnage and that his latest sinkings included the destroyer, H.M.S. *Daring*.

The British Admiralty communique ends by saying there are also a number of Italian U-boat prisoners in British hands.

### No Guidance

As no guidance is given of the number of U-boats sunk without trace, and as many of the prisoners may be only a proportion of the crews, the Admiralty figures do not make it possible to calculate how many U-boats have been sunk.

The normal complement of German submarines varies from 23 in the coastal type to 35 and 40 in the ocean-going type.—Reuter.

### Vigour Of Offensive

The Admiralty communique states that our offensive against U-boats continues with ever-increasing vigour. As has been pointed out fluctuations in the success of our anti U-boat campaign and in merchant ship losses which

## ANGLO-AMERICAN NAVAL LIAISON

THE UNDER-SECRETARY of the United States Navy, Mr. James Forrestal, is leaving for Britain on a visit in about a fortnight "to establish close liaison" between the Navy Department and the British Admiralty on matters connected with the Lease and Lend Programme.

In making this announcement in Washington yesterday, Col. Frank Knox, Secretary of Navy, said the Navy Department was handling purchases of material in the United States for the British Navy under the Lease and Lend Act, and was also undertaking repairs to British warships.

"Efforts are being made very rapidly to establish suitable uniformity in naval equipment,"

added Col. Knox, who explained the object was to expedite purchases and repairs.

One of the chief purposes of Mr. Forrestal's trip to Britain, according to naval circles, would be to see if some method could be found by which the British could use more American naval weapons and other equipment not standard in the Royal Navy.—Reuter.

## GERMANY SENDS NEW NOTE TO U.S.

Germany has sent a new Note to the United States reinforcing her protests against the seizure of German merchantmen, according to an announcement by Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, in Washington yesterday, says Reuter.

## AMERICAN PROMISE TO YUGOSLAVIA

President Roosevelt has cabled King Peter of Yugoslavia, assuring him of all possible material aid for Yugoslavia.

The President's message says: "The people of the United States were profoundly shocked by the unprovoked and ruthless aggression of the people of Yugoslavia."

The President expresses admiration of the "courageous self-defence of the Yugoslav people, constituting one more shining example of their traditional bravery."

He added: "As I assured Your Majesty, the United States Government will speedily furnish all material assistance possible, in accordance with its existing statutes."

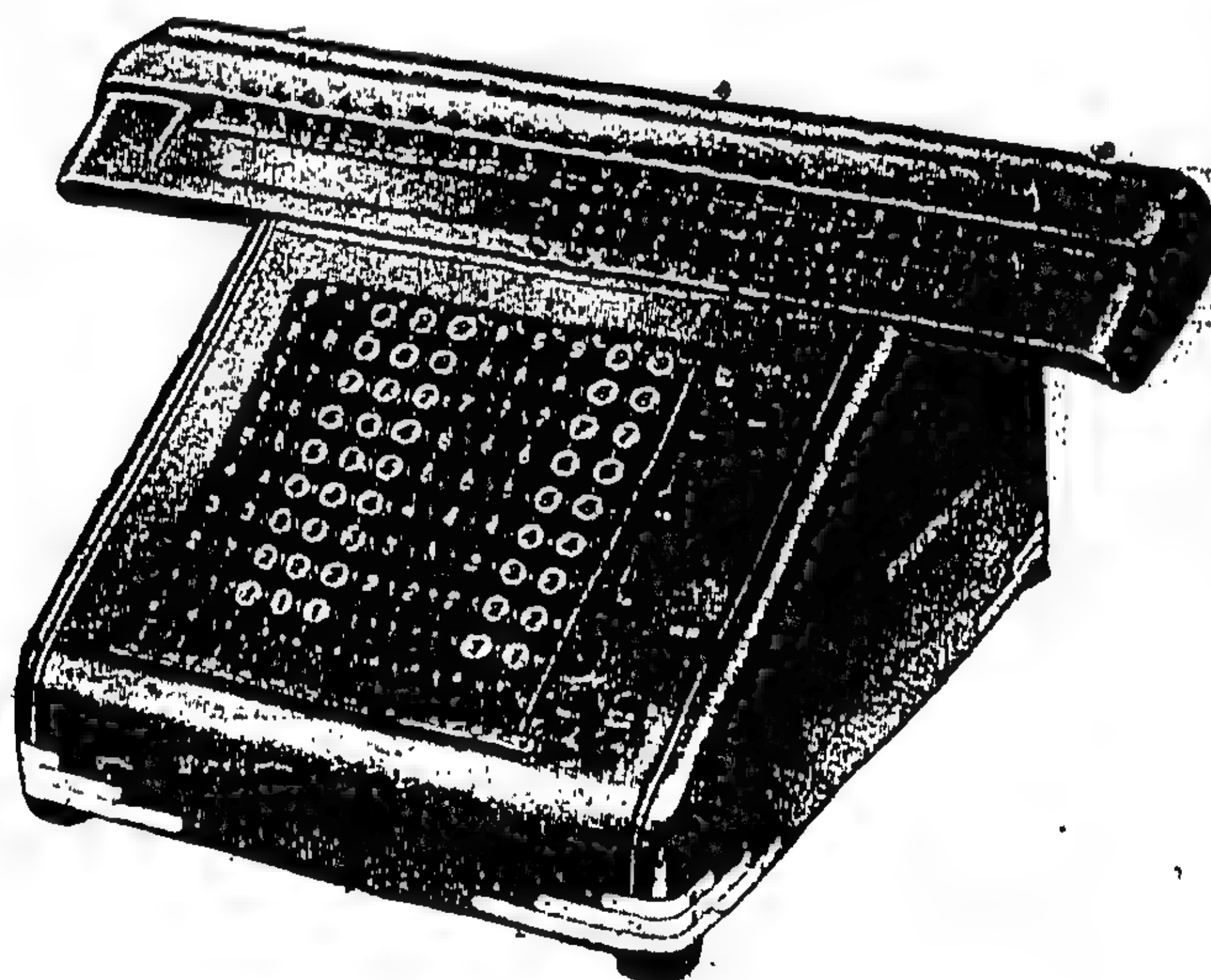
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## TEN NORWEGIANS ARRESTED

Ten Norwegians arrested at Svalvaer after the Lofoten Islands raid are said to be among the first prisoners sent to the German concentration camp at Oslo, according to the Norwegian telegraph agency in London yesterday quoted by Reuter.

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## JUGGLING WITH FIGURES

How Germany juggles with figures in her propaganda war against British shipping is exposed by a survey of German claims for March, made in authoritative quarters in London.

German day to day claims, it is pointed out, are the most exaggerated. The sum of these is always greater than each "total" issued by the Nazis.

For example, figures for the third week of the Battle of the Atlantic total 387,000 tons, while the day to day figures add up to 422,000 tons.

In the second week, when no weekly total was claimed, the day to day figure was 185,000 tons.

Similarly the sum of the weekly figures broadcast to all countries is greater than the monthly total given. For example, the monthly total for March, 718,000 tons, is equalled by the weekly totals for the first, third and fourth weeks only, over 717,000 tons.

The 185,000 tons claimed day by day in the second week never appears again.

Lastly, as part of the war of nerves against Britain, figures given in broadcasts to England are always higher than those cited elsewhere — Reuter.

## CHINESE GUERRILLA ACTIVITY

WITH THE COMING OF SPRING THE CHINESE GUERRILLAS HAVE INTENSIFIED THEIR ACTIVITY IN VARIOUS AREAS OF KIANGSU AND CHEKIANG PROVINCES. ESPECIALLY ALONG THE NANKING-HANGCHOW RAILWAY, ACCORDING TO CHINESE PRESS REPORTS.

Heavy fighting is said to be in progress at Chapu, in northern Kiangsu, facing Hangchow Bay, where the Japanese are reported to have suffered 500 casualties recently.

To subdue these guerillas considerable numbers of Japanese troops are said to have been withdrawn from Shanghai, with the result that many strategic points in Shanghai are now defended by troops of the Japanese-sponsored Wang Ching-wei regime. — Reuter.

## "NO ENGLAND BUT FOR U.S. HELP"

"There would be no England existing to-day were it not for the help America has sent," declared the British Consul-General in New York, Mr. Godfrey Haggard, in a speech to members of the Society of Colonial Wars. "I ask you to have faith in postwar Britain," he added, — Reuter.

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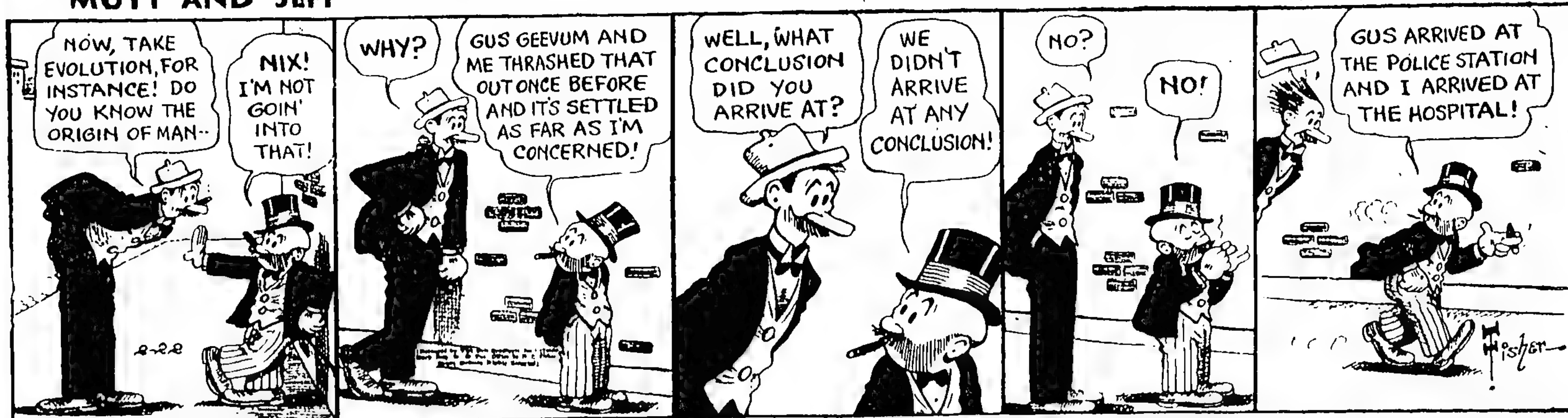
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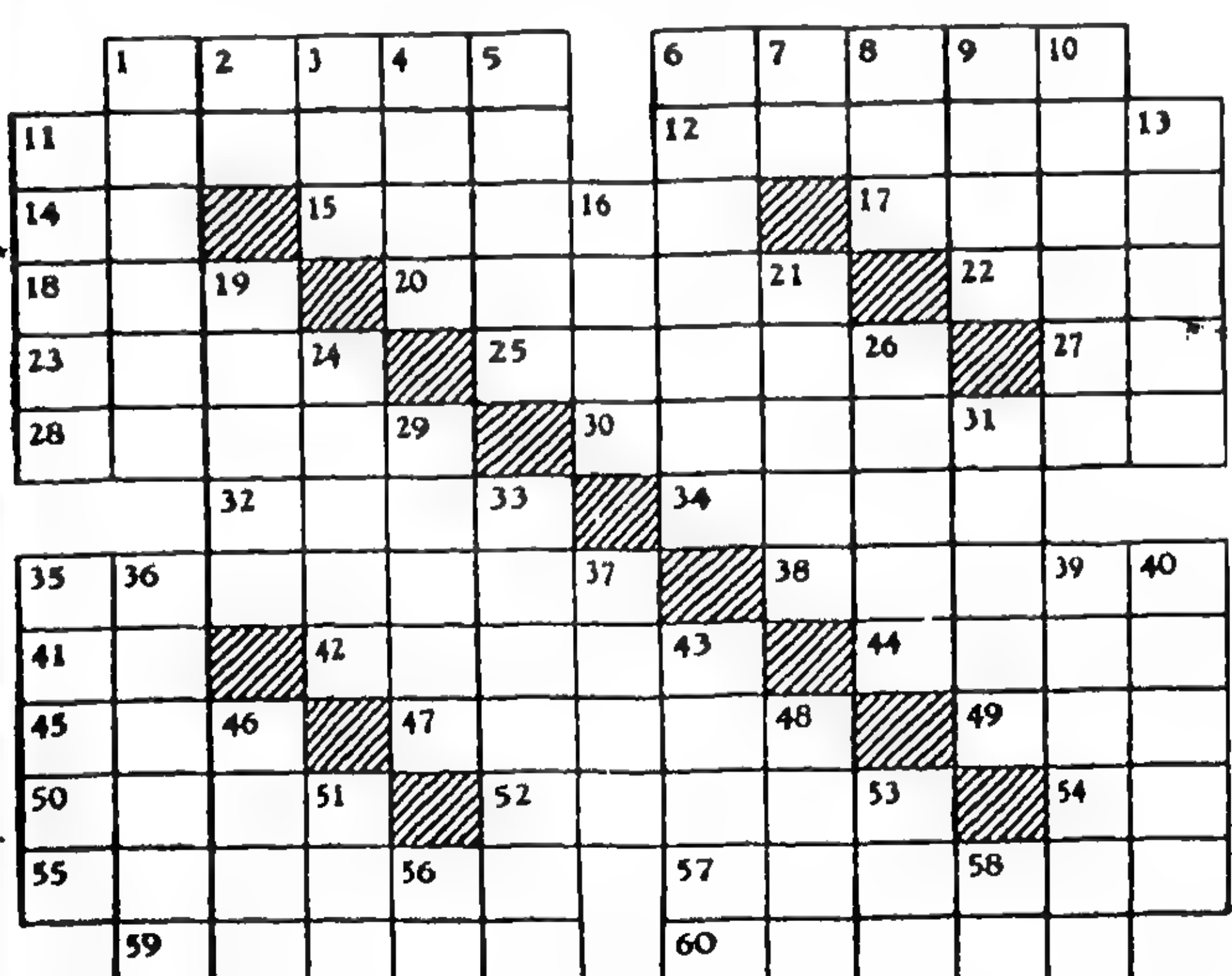
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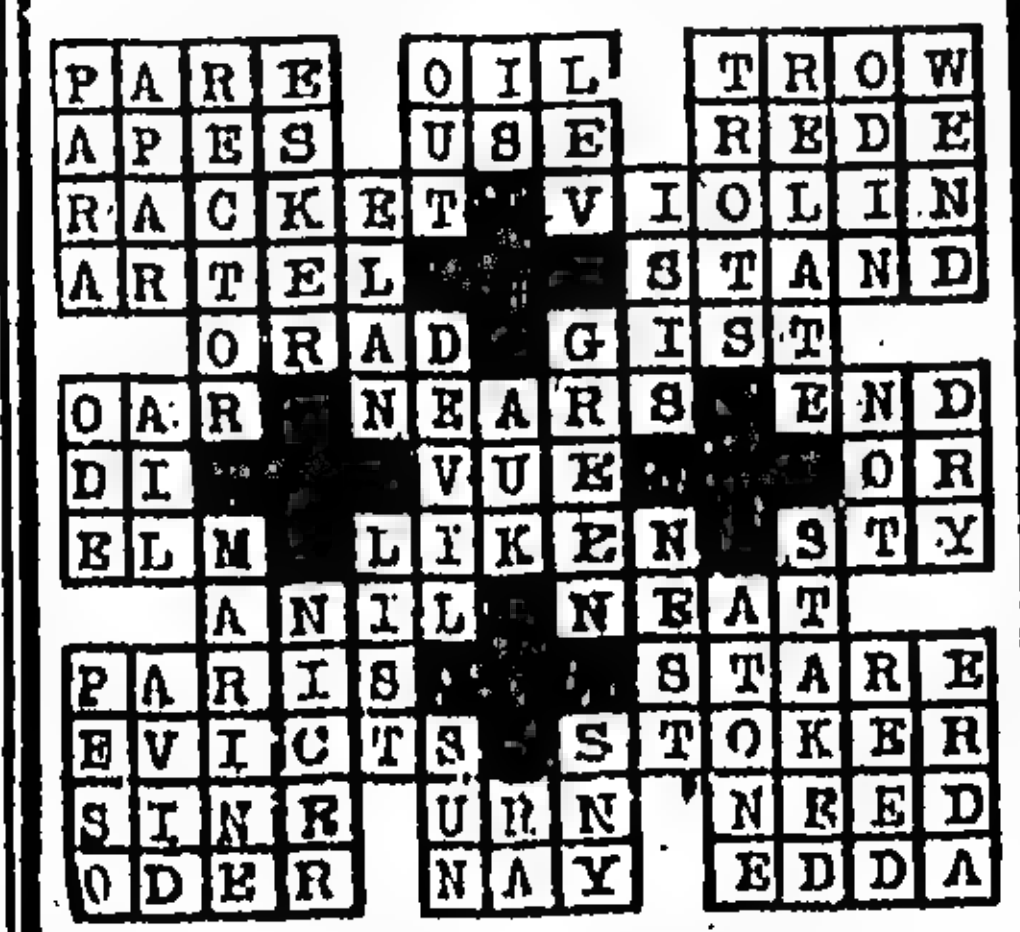
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  - 15 Flower
  - 17 French artist
  - 18 Paid notices
  - 20 Progs
  - 22 Youth
  - 23 Smooth consonant
  - 25 Lends
  - 27 Symbol for tantalum
  - 28 Frozen rain and snow
  - 30 Struck
  - 32 Goddess of discord
  - 34 To goad
  - 35 Mocked
  - 38 Breaks suddenly
  - 41 Symbol for iridium
  - 42 Roof edges
  - 44 Go away!
  - 45 Large tub
  - 47 Citrus fruit
- VERTICAL**
- 1 Pear-shaped glass vessel
  - 2 Sun god
  - 3 Philippine savage
  - 4 For fear that
  - 5 To the time that
  - 6 Yells shrilly
  - 7 Italian river
  - 8 Conjunction
  - 9 Image
  - 10 To spread by report
  - 11 Rings
  - 13 Part of a fortress
  - 16 Man's name
  - 19 To scoff
  - 21 Cuts
  - 24 Strange
  - 26 Stupelies
  - 29 Pertaining to a current
  - 31 Vestige
  - 33 Cleaved asunder
  - 35 Piece of turf
  - 36 Rubs out
  - 37 Prefix: half
  - 39 Imitative person
  - 40 To guide
  - 43 Sleep
  - 46 Sharp
  - 48 Roman emperor
  - 51 Female ruff
  - 52 To seize
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



**CHINA TO SEE IT THROUGH**

"China is as determined to see things through until complete victory for Democratic civilisation as Britain and America can be," declared the Chinese Ambassador, Mr. Quo Tai-chi, in London yesterday.

Mr. Quo added: "And no specious promises or military pressure can alter that fixed resolve."

The Ambassador was making his last public appearance in London before his return to China to become Foreign Minister.

He was speaking at the Anglo-Chinese luncheon in aid of the Red Cross Fund and the Chinese War Relief Fund.

The returning Ambassador will be succeeded by Dr. Wellington Koo, and remarked that he regarded his journey to China as simply going from one front to another in the same war.

Lot In Common

Mr. Quo said Britain and China had a lot in common.

"The British and Chinese are supposed to be a bit hard to know. The British are supposed to be phlegmatic and the Chinese inscrutable but when we come to know each other, responsiveness in human kindness is found to be the chief trait."

Britain and China had a lot to learn from each other, though some said they were the two most satisfied and self-sufficient peoples mankind had ever known and the least inclined to think they could learn anything from anybody else. —Reuter.

**ITALIAN AIRMEN CAPTURED**

Many Italian airmen were taken prisoner when the British and Imperial troops occupied Addis Ababa, according to an official communique issued in Nairobi yesterday.

The communique states that following up the leading elements which entered Addis Ababa late the previous evening, South African, East African and West African troops occupied the city on April 6 (Sunday).

There were no incidents, as Italian officials handing over the town with its essential services intact.

A considerable number of prisoners, including many airmen, was taken.

Operations in this area continue and the enemy are being followed up on all fronts. —Reuter.

**SOVIET AND OIL FOR GERMANY**

The Minister of Economic Warfare stated in the Commons that information shows very little if any oil has reached Germany from Russia since March 1 but it is premature to draw conclusions that this traffic has been stopped. —British Wireless.

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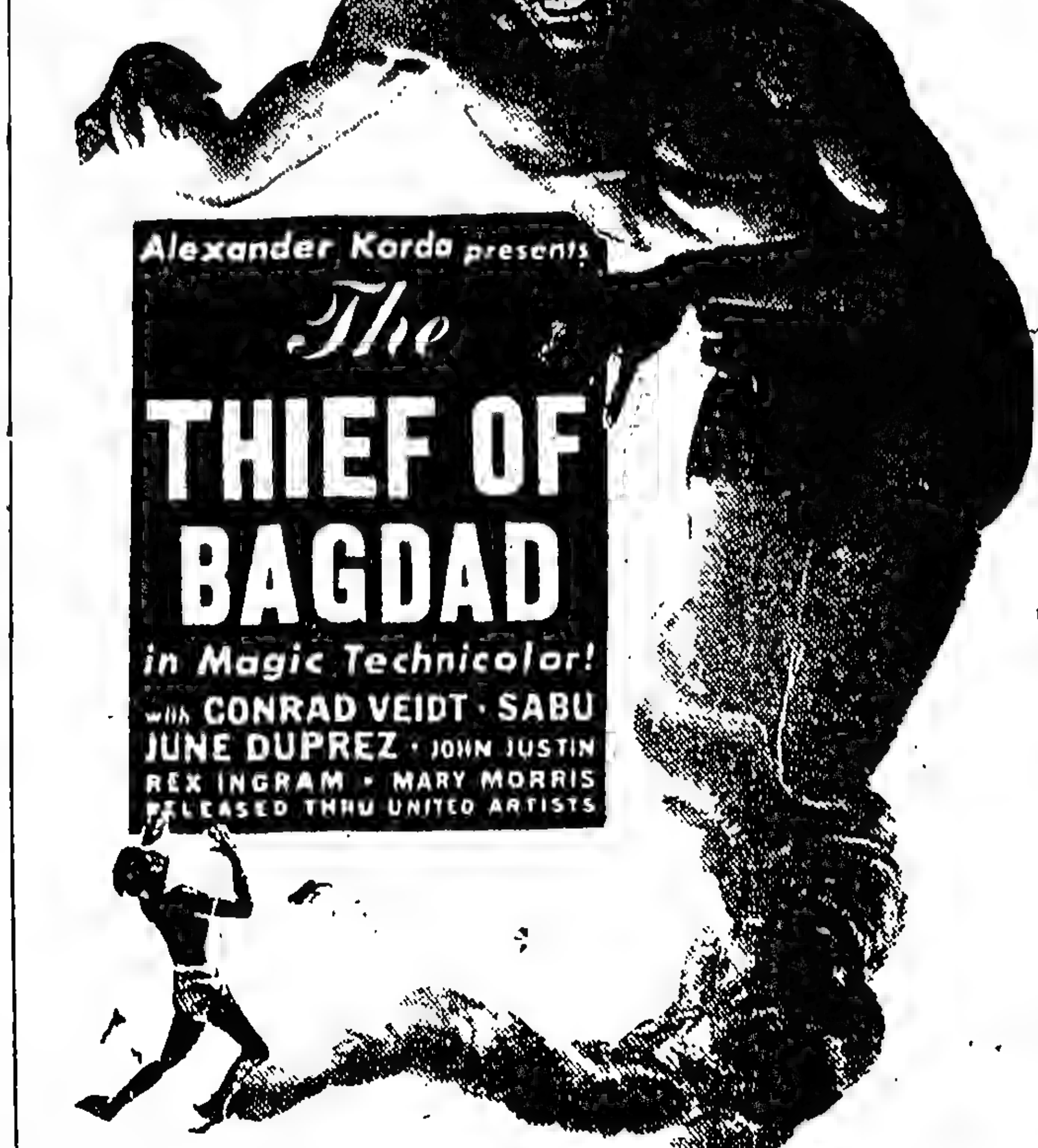
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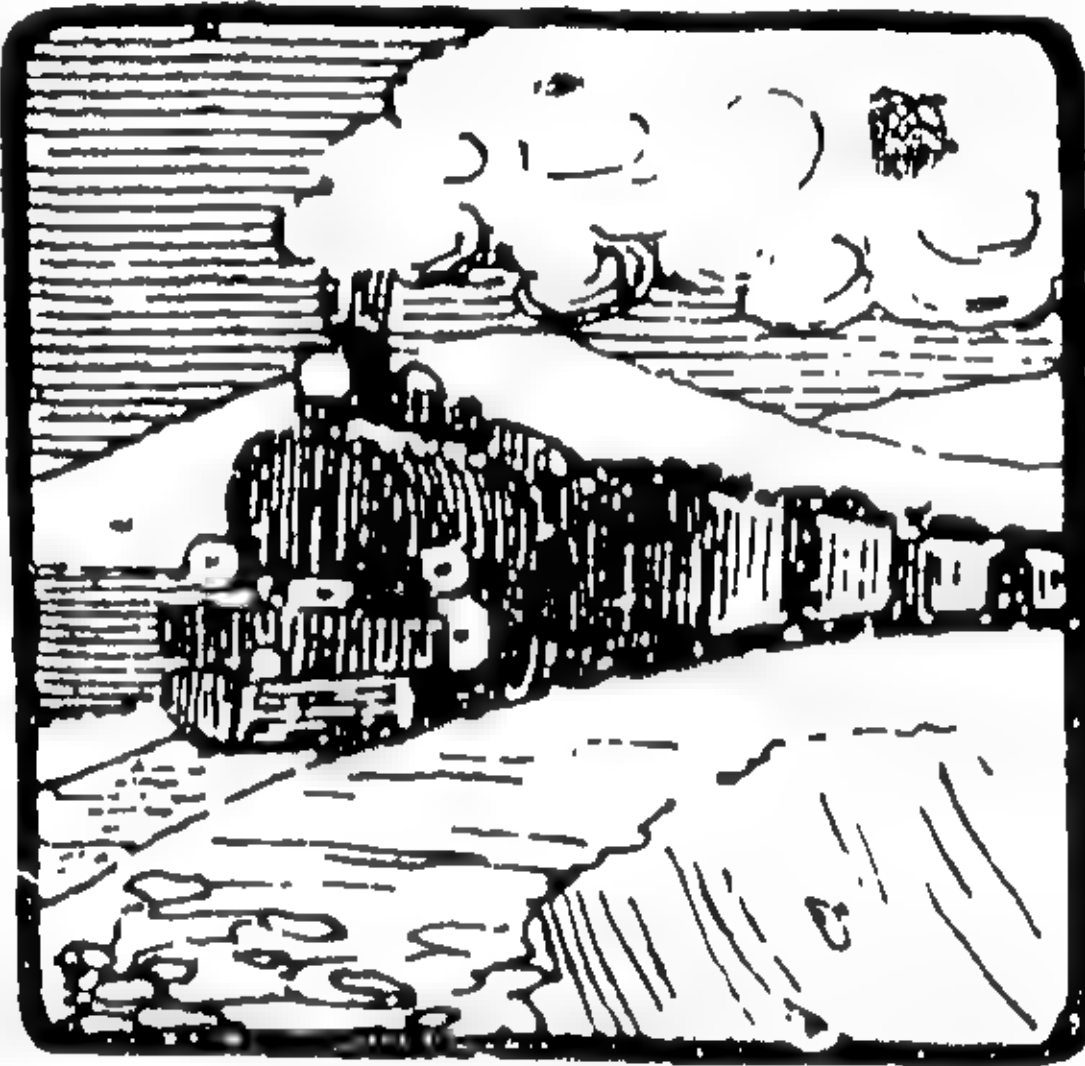
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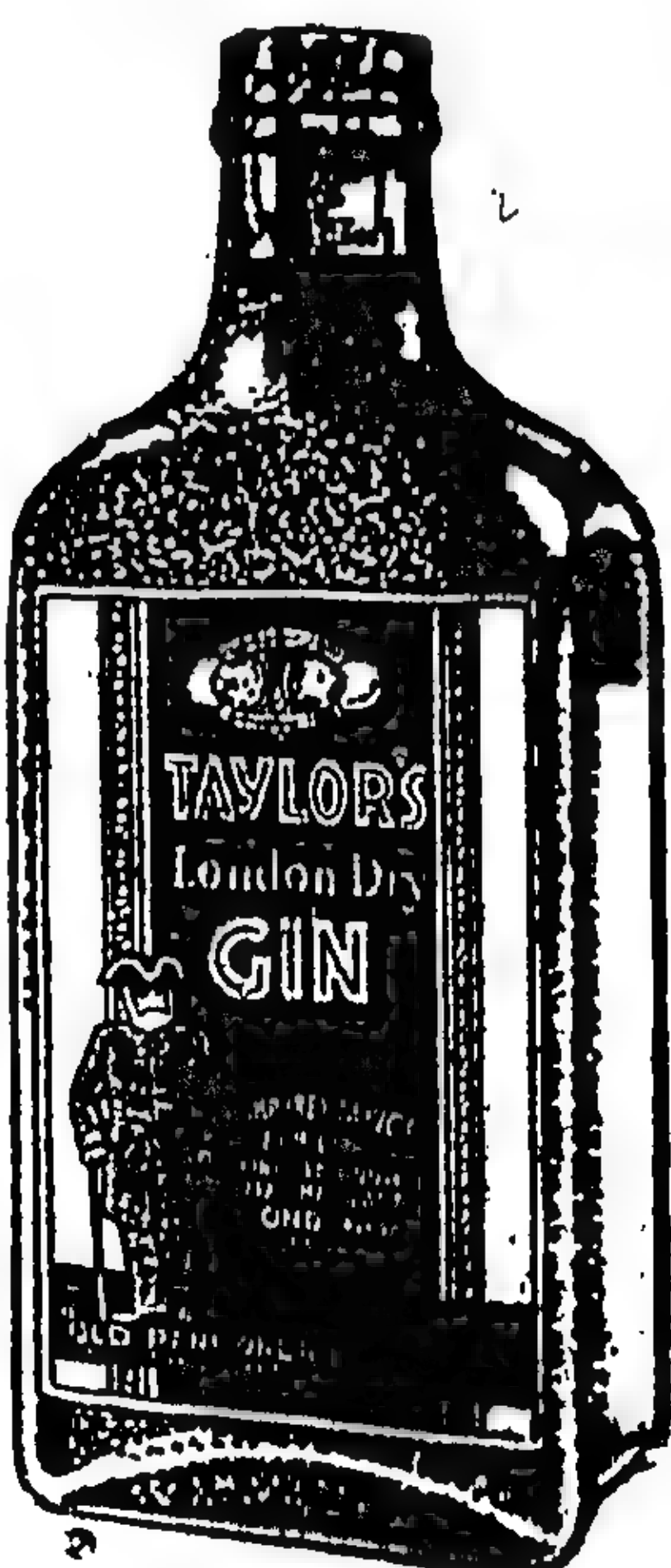


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Instantly, one of the workers knows what must be done — and does it. He has no time to get into his asbestos suit. Seizing only a pair of leather gloves, he rushes down the lanes of fire to turn off the valves, shielding his head and neck from the fearful heat with his jacket.

The first valve wheel is red hot. He wrenches it round. His wrists burn, but, darting from holder to holder, he turns off valve after valve.

Bombs are still falling. As the last valve turns the man falls unconscious, struck down by a piece of flying debris.

But the four gasholders are saved, as well as a fifth round which the flames are already licking.

For this "prompt and amazingly cool action," as the official record puts it, Albert Edward Page, valveman, of the Gas Light and Coke Co., has been awarded the George Medal.

### Dragged Out Bombs

His courage is one of many examples, told in the London Gazette of heroism during raids. One George Cross, three M.B.E.'s, forty George Medals and twenty-one O.B.E.'s, are awarded.

In addition over 100 men and women are "brought to notice for brave conduct in civil defence."

George William Paveley, of Chelmsford, driver of a steam roller, twice helped a bomb disposal unit to remove unexploded bombs.

He worked a pneumatic drill ten feet down through the foundations of a house to reach one bomb.

Then, when two heavy bombs embedded themselves eighteen feet below ground, he not only got down to them with a drill but drove the steam roller which was used to drag them out.

Paveley is now a G.M. So, too, are three L.N.E.R. men who played hoses on a wagon containing live A.A. ammunition though shells in another burning ammunition wagon were exploding continuously.

### Shower Of Splinters

They had previously rescued a wounded soldier and had entered another wagon, also alight, in a bid to save a second soldier who was found dead. They worked on under a shower of shell splinters.

These three heroes are Arthur Harrison, M.M., George William Whitehurst, of Hull, and Ernest Victor Barker, ticket collector, of Bridlington.

Equally reckless of danger during a raid on London was Yardmaster Harold John Savage.

One of ten wagons containing explosives was set alight by incendiaries. The floorboards were burning, but crawling under the wagon, Savage played a hose on the flames until they were put out.

## 4 FOODS WILL DO

EVERYTHING THE BODY NEEDS CAN BE SUPPLIED BY FOUR FOODS — MILK, GREEN VEGETABLES, WHOLE-MEAL BREAD AND POTATOES.

Sir John Boyd Orr, the nutrition expert, gives this opinion in an article in the "British Medical Journal."

"We do not yet know all the dietary constituents essential for health, but we do know that a sufficiency of the protective foods will supply everything which the body needs," states Sir John.

"The chief change needed for health is to bring the consumption of milk and vegetables among the poor up to what it is among the well-to-do."

## JULIANA LONELY ABROAD

Crown Princess Juliana of Holland wants to return to England to be with her husband and her mother.

She has revealed her unhappiness to close friends in Washington, where she is staying as a guest of President and Mrs. Roosevelt.

The sight of the President's happy family circle in the White House during the first night of her stay so moved her that her eyes filled with tears.

The President tried to cheer her up by telling her amusing stories about his own Dutch ancestors.

The Princess told friends that she begged to be allowed to remain in England with Prince Bernhard and Queen Wilhelmina.

But the Queen and the Dutch Cabinet insisted upon her seeking safety in Canada with her children, so that the succession would be safe.

### Watched By Nazis

In Ottawa she spends most of her time writing long letters to mother and husband and knitting comforts for Dutch troops and sailors.

Nazi agents, it is said, have been watching her closely for signs of personal display.

Goebbels wants to circulate tales in Holland accusing Juliana of living in luxury while ordinary Dutch citizens are suffering.

But no one in Ottawa lives with more simplicity than Juliana.

## U.S. CAPTAIN TRAINED BY THE NAZIS

Captain Paul Martin, of the United States Army, who joined up to fight for Britain and found himself in German uniform, forced to fight against us, was trained in invasion tactics till he escaped.

Fifty-two years old, he was living comfortably on his Army pension with his wife on the Riviera. He joined the Foreign Legion when war broke out and was sent to northern France.

When France capitulated he was captured by Germans. The German commandant told him: "We have read your papers. Your grandfather was a German emigrant to America. You understand, 'Once a German always a German.'"

He refused officer's rank in the German Army, but was told no German could refuse, and was put into the uniform of a German private.

He was soon learning to swim

## ITALIAN TANK AS HIS "CAR"

Imshi—nickname of a Blackpool flying officer just awarded the D.F.C. after shooting down three Italians in one afternoon in Libya — has an Italian tank which he guards jealously and calls his car.

"Imshi loves fighters, he loves speed in almost anything," says an Air Ministry news service special correspondent writing from Middle East R.A.F. headquarters.

"Imshi's last three successes brought his total bag up to thirteen."

"How can I picture this amazing war in the Libyan Desert where simple human episode blend with great military strategy the correspondent writes.

### Biscuits And Bully

"Where our airmen camp" on sandy wastes making tea with salty water and for days eating nothing but biscuits and bully and where a loaf of bread baked a week ago is luxury.

"It's got to be seen and lived to be fully appreciated, but my it's good!"

He also tells of a grubby, tousled signaller who captured an Italian on a motor-bicycle.

The signaller had been sent forward with telephone wire when the prisoner came innocently towards him. It took him a split second to knock the Italian off his bike, mount himself and compel the Italian to jump on behind.

Then he rode back triumphantly with his spoils.

## SWEDEN IS NOT CONVINCED

Despite the geographical proximity which makes the German voice ring louder in Sweden than the English, Sweden is not yet convinced that the best thing to do is to collaborate with the New Order as the Germans urge.

Striking evidence of the Swedish point-of view is given in a speech by the Foreign Minister Mr. Guenther.

"I would like to warn everybody," he said, "not to go too deep into speculations about the New Europe and our position in it."

He reiterated the Swedes' determination to "take upon themselves the highest sacrifices to maintain peace."

In the opinion of the Government, Mr. Guenther added Sweden's position is less exposed and less dangerous than six months ago, but many things will happen before world's position is stabilised, not the least in the north.

"Although trade with the Soviet Union, Germany and Italy has been intensified by recent agreements," Mr. Guenther continued, "this development in certain directions cannot entirely compensate for our isolation from the west, particularly overseas markets."

to rubber boats in full kit, to dive and dodge imaginary bullets from the enemy. He saw many Germans down in these manoeuvres.

"I was one of the few of my division who survived the R.A.F. attacks," he told a London reporter. "I saw men dying by hundreds."



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## BRITAIN'S IRON BUDGET

None could suggest, having studied the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Budget for 1941-42, that the people of Britain have not undertaken with resolute seriousness the task of carrying this war through to a victorious conclusion. Total expenditure in the coming year is estimated at £4,207,000,000, a figure which takes no account of supplies under the Lease and Lend Act, which will themselves probably exceed £1,000,000,000 in value. The meaning is plain: that the scale of Britain's gigantic effort is to be greatly increased; and that the taxpayer must delve even deeper into his pocket.

Sir Kingsley Wood, indeed, gives him little option. The scale of income tax and surtax is raised to a level which a few years ago would have seemed fantastically absurd. The basic rate becomes 10/- in the pound, and in the higher levels of income the taxpayer is permitted the somewhat grim satisfaction of retaining 6d. out of each £1 of his income. Thus, as the Chancellor pointed out, the once wealthy man, with an income of £60,000 per annum, must surrender £55,000 to the Exchequer.

The policy of extracting until it hurts from the wealthy is accompanied, inevitably, by expansion of the scope of collection among lower incomes, leading to the most interesting feature of the whole Budget, the application of the principle of compulsory saving. It will certainly soften the shock to the 45/- a week labourer, "elevated" as it were, to the income tax paying class, to know that he is merely casting his bread (or his beer) upon the waters, and that it will come back to him after many days. The adaptation of Mr. Maynard Keynes' plan has been skilfully devised, for it obviates the setting up of new machinery for collection, at the same time extending the operation of the original scheme. This is vindication of intelligent economic planning indeed.

The spirit in which the Budget has been received is, moreover, as noteworthy as the astronomical total of expenditure. It is proof enough that public opinion will countenance no slackening until victory has been won, and it is proof of national realisation that Germany



AND THEY CALL IT A "FREE" COUNTRY!

# The Necessary Strategy Of England

By  
**Hilaire Belloc**

England exists as a commercial state. The country is strong through widely extended exchanges, conducted by maritime transport. These exchanges have produced a vast accumulation of wealth which until quite recent times was taken for granted to be permanent and stable. The banking system which handles the wealth and without which it could not be fruitfully used has England itself for habitat; and though it is in the nature of any banking power to throw out a great number of dependant centres the nucleus of the English system is of course the Bank of England.

An Island power socially united, more strictly than any rival and thus dependant on commerce must live by sea power. Only by being secure in maritime amity can the nation be sure of its commerce and therefore of its continued wealth. On this account the vital necessity of this country is a fleet powerful

enough to defeat any probable combination against it and there has been added in the last three generations another all-important argument for sea-power. Food must be imported as well as raw material for manufacture on which depends export and therefore commerce.

To possess a naval instrument thus superior to any probable rival combination it is necessary not only to have superiority in number of ships and material for their service, but also a large number of men for the crews thereof; further, such numbers are immensely increased in value when they are professional and when all members of the navy—not only officers but men of every rank, including even auxiliary services—are filled with the professional spirit. Modern England has moulded her fighting maritime service upon this doctrine. England has at the present moment as an instrument necessary to her strategical position, therefore, an armed navy (i), numerically overwhelming (ii), professional and therefore enjoying the special strength provided by tradition.

But even in the full appreciation of this necessity for sea-power and in the clearest recognition of that necessity there lurks a danger. This is the danger lest, in providing maritime power England should neglect the absolute necessity of an adequate land-force acting either through allies or through a native army. Too many people in modern England itself question the necessity for such a land-force and therefore argue against the raising and maintenance of the same in time of peace. It is of the first importance for Englishmen if they desire to maintain the security and greatness of their country to recall this neglected principle: the absolute necessity of the land-force working with sea-power, if sea-power is to fulfil its function. There have been periods during the XIX Century when this necessary connection between naval and land forces in the service of a maritime power has been forgotten or so little emphasised as to be neglected. It is to be hoped that such periods will not return. No campaign can be won, at least no campaign on any large scale by sea-power alone, and such exaggerated phrases as "Command of the Sea" do a great dis-service to the country. Armed superiority at sea is vitally necessary but of itself such superiority is insufficient.

## Eire, Cockpit Of War

A German announcer has stated that it may become necessary for Germany to take steps to "protect" Ireland, as she took steps to "protect" Belgium and Holland.

And you ask me if this shows that I was right in warning Ireland that as soon as Hitler thought that it was to his advantage to invade Ireland he would do so.

Of course I was right. But I am inclined to think that it would not be to Germany's advantage to invade Ireland, as it would most certainly not be to Ireland's advantage. For she would then become the cockpit of the war.

You suggest that the matter is one of extreme urgency, "brooking no delay." And you ask if it be not our experience that the Fuehrer makes a promise only a very short time before he breaks it.

My dear Titterton, it is delightful to hear you hold up Herr Hitler as a man of his word. Most of our journalists would say that the Fuehrer makes a promise only a very short time before he breaks it.

The matters IS urgent. But the urgency is on our side, in our food supply. If the U-boats, beat our convoys, or look like beating

can only be defeated by an effort greater, an organisation more efficient and a force stronger than their own.

them, we MUST re-occupy the Irish ports.

You ask what effect such a step would have on American opinion; and you suggest that the Irish-Americans, Isolationist almost to a man, would be very angry.

No! On the contrary, I am sure that America would agree that it was necessary for us to re-occupy the ports. And, if de Valera fights,

By Bernard Shaw

(In an interview with W. R. Titterton)

he will be fighting the Common-wealth, Northern Ireland and the U.S.A., not to mention the Protestants of Eire.

What do I think that Mr. de Valera should do? I think that he should take my advice.

What else can he do except follow the not very encouraging example of Poland?

But it is impossible for anybody in these islands to know just how grave the situation is.

As far as we can know, here is the position: If we can do without the Irish ports, we shall do without them.

If we need them we shall take them, and then either Mr. de Valera will take my advice, or he won't, but that is his affair. If Hitler invades Eire he will make a mistake.

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# KIEL DEVASTATED BY HUNDREDS OF BRITISH BOMBERS

SEVERAL HUNDRED BOMBERS ENGAGED ON EACH SIDE IN MONDAY NIGHT'S RAIDS BY THE BRITISH R.A.F. AND THE GERMAN LUFTWAFFE.

The weather over Germany was undoubtedly exceptionally good but the fact remains that on this occasion — as the Germans have themselves admitted — their effort was widely dispersed by the British defences whereas almost the whole of the R.A.F. bomber force engaged in the operations successfully attacked the primary targets.

In the attack on Kiel — at once the Portsmouth and the Clydeside of Germany — aircraft of the Bomber Command carried the heaviest load of bombs ever dropped on Germany in a single night.

A pilot who had a good view of the state in which our aircraft left the port said: "Only way to put out the fires would have been to push the whole place into the sea."

Hundreds of tons of high explosive and over 30,000 incendiaries by that time had done their work. Smoke was drifting not only over the whole town but out to sea.

Docks and shipbuilding yards were completely outlined in red. One mile square in the centre of the town was a single sheet of fire and every moment exulted in the shock the level wastes of flames.

### Bright Moonlight

In several of the areas attacked, as many of our crews discovered,

it was not easy to find among the fires a vacant black spot on which to drop another bomb.

It was a bright moonlight night and with the weather perfect for bombing only the smoke of fires occasionally obstructed the view from the bomb sight, but this hindered the defences as well for several crews noticed the searchlights were ineffective when dimmed by layers of smoke through which they had to pass.

A strong wind fanned the flames and by the end of the raid it was considered that no fire brigade could hope to control all the fires and many must have been left to burn themselves out.

### Wave After Wave

For five hours our bombers went in over Kiel in wave after wave.

Throughout the first hours of the raid they had to pierce a curtain of A.A. fire from one of the most heavily defended areas in Germany but in the end the very weight and resolution of the attack seemed to bear down the defences and there were significant lulls in the gunfire. The first wave of bombers soon lit the way for their successors, and Kiel shortly shone like a beacon across Schleswig Holstein

## BULGARIA EXPRESSES SURPRISE!

"All Bulgaria follows with bated breath the war operations in Macedonia," said the Bulgarian Prime Minister, M. Filov, addressing the Sobranje (Parliament) yesterday, according to a Sofia message to the official German news agency.

M. FILOV COMPLAINED OF THE DROPPING OF BOMBS ON BULGARIAN TERRITORY. ALTHOUGH NO BULGARIAN FORCES WERE TAKING PART IN THE OPERATIONS.

He also referred to the signing of the Vienna Pact by the former Yugoslav Premier and Foreign Minister, M. Tsvetkovitch and M. Cincar Markovitch, on March 25, saying the pact established a valuable link between Yugoslavia and Bulgaria, between which countries a pact of eternal friendship had been concluded. — Reuter.

and out to sea as far as Heligoland. As the next waves approached the crews watched the glare split up into a multitude of individual fires and were able to observe yet more detailed signs of destruction.

### Widespread Ruin

Glowing shells of warehouse lined the waterfront, huge buildings wholly enveloped in flame stood out amidst the general conflagration.

The submarine building yard had evidently suffered greatly. A huge building in the Deutsche werke shipyards was seen to collapse and in the town itself ruin was almost as widespread as in docks. — British Wireless.

## BRITONS STRANDED ON YANGTSE

STRANDED BRITISHERS in Ichang, British shipping on the Yangtse and the alleged rounding up of dissident Chinese seamen in Britain, were the subject of questions in the House of Commons yesterday.

Sir Alexander Russell asked what Government were doing about the subsistence of Britishers in Ichang who were in great difficulty of obtaining supplies owing to boycott.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that a complaint in this connection was made last July after which the situation was eased. One further complaint was made this February and the matter was taken up with the Japanese, who had offered to facilitate the hiring of trucks to carry supplies.

Sir Alexander Russell, in another question about the Yangtse, suggested Japanese shipping be refused facilities in British ports, including the Dominions and Colonies. Mr. Butler said the Yangtse question was inseparable from the general policy of Japan towards Britain and other foreign interests in China, on which he made a statement on April 2.

### Search Parties

Mr. David Adams (Labour) asked whether the Home Secretary was aware that search parties were recently instituted in the East-End of London and elsewhere for the purpose of collecting Chinese seamen protesting against the non-payment of bonus, and that these men were taken to ports for shipment to China.

Mr. Oswald Peak, Under-Secretary for Home Affairs, replied he had no knowledge of such search parties but recently a number of Chinese seamen who were convicted for absence without leave or refusing to obey orders were repatriated. — Reuter.

## KUNMING'S HEAVY RAID

Twenty-seven Japanese bombers carried out a devastating raid over Kunming shortly after noon yesterday.

Numerous light and heavy bombs and incendiary bombs were showered over various parts of the city causing three big fires, as a result of which many houses were demolished and burned down.

The British Consulate, the office of the National Red Cross Society of China and several other institutions were damaged.

Yesterday's raid was the first since February 26. — Central News.



# NAZI SHIPS IN U.S. MAY BE FORFEITED

## NO CHANGE IN HUNGARIAN POLICY

The Hungarian Government will pursue without change the policy of the late Count Teleki, declared the new Prime Minister, Dr. Barossy, addressing members of the Government Party, according to a Budapest telegram to the official French agency yesterday.

The Minister of Interior in Budapest announced that foreigners now in Hungary can only leave the country by obtaining a special permit. - Reuter.

## JO'BURG RIOTS REPORT

The Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the riots at Johannesburg on January 31 and February 1 last, in which thousands of civilians, soldiers and police were involved following a speech by the leader of the extreme Republican-Ossewabrandwag organisation, has now been published in Capetown.

It recommends that the military authorities must take adequate precautions to prevent disorders when soldiers are on leave and severely punish participants in such disorders.

In order to restore public confidence in the police force and obviate further disorders within its ranks, all signs of distinction between members of the force should be removed.

The effective strength of the police force should be increased

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT has enunciated his attitude towards ships of Axis countries recently seized in American ports.

At his press conference yesterday the President declared he would ask Congress on Thursday for legislation empowering the United States Government to purchase Danish ships in United States ports.

The step was taken with the acquiescence of the Danish Minister, Henrik de Kauffmann, who visited the White House earlier yesterday.

The President placed the 30 Axis ships taken into protective custody in a different position from the 39 Danish ships similarly treated.

Axis ships could be taken over by "forcible" he said, while Danish ships should be purchased outright instead of being acquired otherwise.

### Other Forms

President Roosevelt implied that other forms of acquisition would apply to the German and Italian ships. He observed that some authorities thought a right to sequester the ships existed in the present state of "limited emergency."

The President also disclosed that the U.S. Treasury had put out 18 billion dollars for the acquisition of defence materials and defence construction during the first quarter of 1941. - Reuter.

## JAPANESE EXCHANGE CONTROL

NEW EXCHANGE RESTRICTIONS PUBLISHED BY THE EXCHANGE CONTROL LIMIT THE AMOUNT PERMITTED TO BE CARRIED BY TRAVELLERS FROM JAPAN TO CHINA TO 200 YEN. ONLY REPORTS THE SHANGHAI "TAIRIKU SHIMPO."

Permission may be obtained from the Japanese Finance Ministry, however, to carry sums exceeding the limit up to 500 yen.

Remittances from Japan to China will be curtailed to 500 yen. Remittances up to this amount may be made without obtaining permission from the Finance Ministry. - Reuter.

and severe disciplinary measures taken against those members of the force who disobeyed orders or committed unnecessary acts of violence.

Closer cooperation between the military, police, civil guards and civilian protection services should be established. - Reuter.

## JAPAN'S THREE REQUESTS OF MOSCOW

THE SHANGHAI Correspondent of the local "Ta Kung Pao" cabled last night that according to reports from Moscow, the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Y. Matsuoka, presented the Soviet Government with three requests, one of which was partially confirmed.

The three requests reported without interference, through Soviet territory from Germany to Japan. The Correspondent adds that reports have it that the Soviet rejected the first and second requests and explained, the Soviet would not interfere with "common goods" being transported through Soviet territory.

## TRIBUTE TO QUO TAI-CHI

Few ambassadors have had so remarkable experience as Mr. Quo Tai-chi, says the "Manchester Guardian."

The struggles and tragedies, in Geneva, the depopling of China and Abyssinia, the rise of the Nazis, "appeasement," and the convulsion, leading to a new war, Mr. Quo has seen them all and can apply the "lessons" as he sees them for China's benefit.

In earlier years here he saw many illusions shattered but remained in London long enough to see one great hope fulfilled. Britain and the United States together, refusing, despite threats, to yield anything to Japanese aggression.

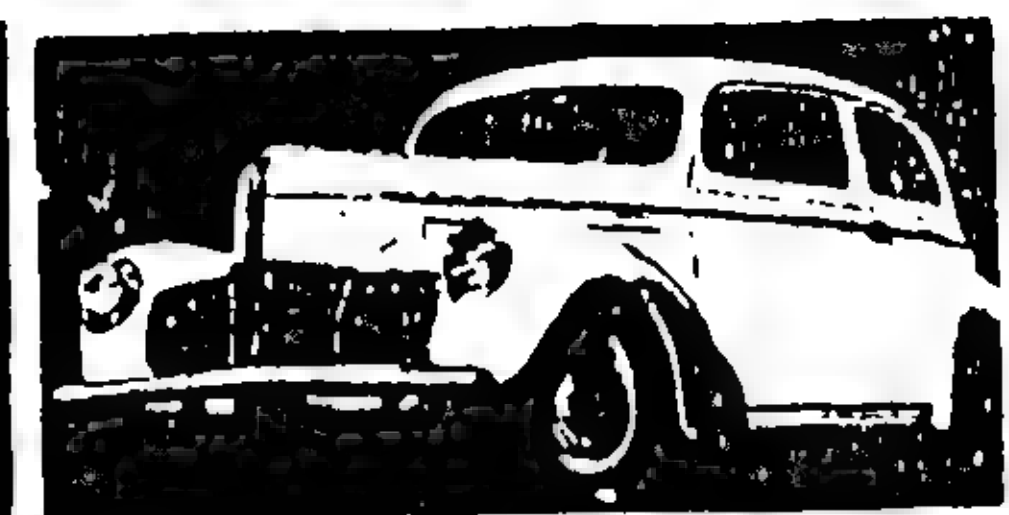
Mr. Quo will work for Chinese unity and will uphold Chinese independence against all force and cunning, and in Chungking, as in London, will seek the things that make a tolerable world for us.

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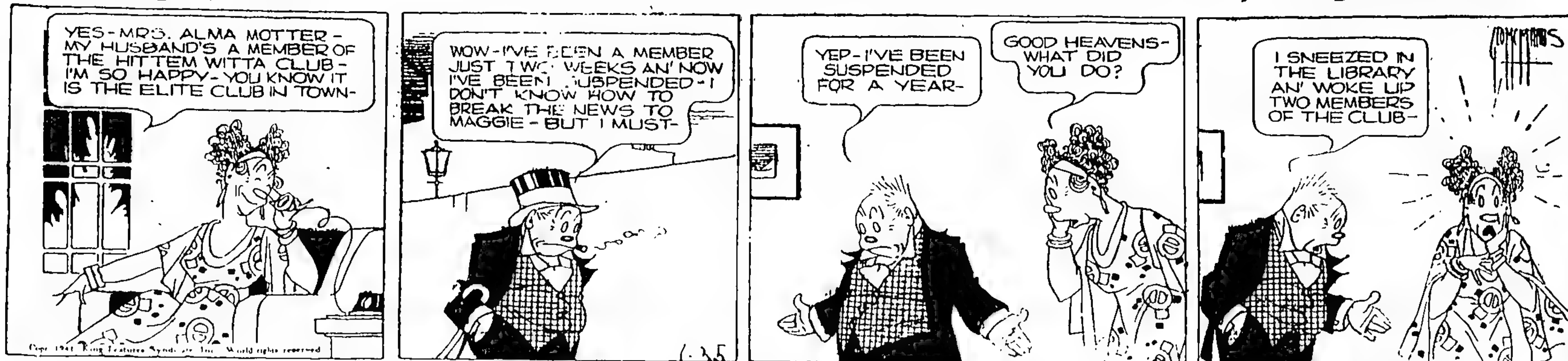






## Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN

# Lighter Fingernail Polish

If you do not like the vivid shades of nail polish, or if the man in your life objects to them, you may still be in the fashion with one of the lighter shades. In fact two famous beauties of our era prefer the more delicate shades of polish and always wear them.

The two women are none other than the Duchess of Windsor and Mrs. Harrison Williams, much photographed society woman of New York City. The Duchess is a brunette, Mrs. Williams is a white-blonde (her hair being beautifully prematurely white). So you see there is no hard and fast fashion rule of colour for brunettes and colours for blondes!

Each of these women is extremely chic in their dressing, chic with the maximum of good taste. They both wear their hair coiffed upward away from the face in front, with the back hair set in rolling, swirling waves. No long hole for them - they realise the shorter hair, dressed high and revealing the ear lobes is far more flattering to women in their forties. Both women also like to wear earrings on occasion.



OLYMPÉ BRADNA of Warner Bros. is another beauty who prefers the light shade of nail polish.

### Making Nails Beautiful

When using the lighter shades you will find that it is not possible to cover the line where the flesh ends and the nail extends. Therefore the soft pink or rose polish must not be applied over that line nor below the "moon" line at the base of the nail.

Recently I had my nails manicured and painted with a very neutral rose shade at the most fashionable nail salon in America and here the procedure is described, step by step.

- 1-The old polish was removed with cotton and liquid remover.
- 2-The nails were shaped with an emery board to a pleasing oval.
- 3-Softening cuticle cream was worked around the nail before my right hand was soaked in a small dish of soapy, warm water.
- 4-Steps 1, 2 and 3 were taken with my left hand.
- 5-My right hand was dried thoroughly and the cuticle pushed back with a cotton wrapped cuticle stick. An occasional hangnail was lightly trimmed with nippers (I try to avoid hangnails).
- 6-The under nails were washed

with soapy water and a cuticle stick then hand was scrubbed with small nail brush and dried again.

7-Whitening was put under the nail sparingly. Nail base was applied over entire nail (this is a colourless substance which dries like polish with a sheen).

8-The neutral rose polish was applied from moon to rim evenly.

9-My left hand was completed.

10-A colourless nail polish was painted over the entire nail of

each finger. This prevents chipping and makes the nail smoother.

I must admit that I liked looking so refined, after having tested every new colour that has come to my desk. And here's a tip to all women - my man noticed the change that night and commented favourably on the job! Perhaps you are due for a change too but it is nice to know the other colours are there if we want to pep up our fingers!

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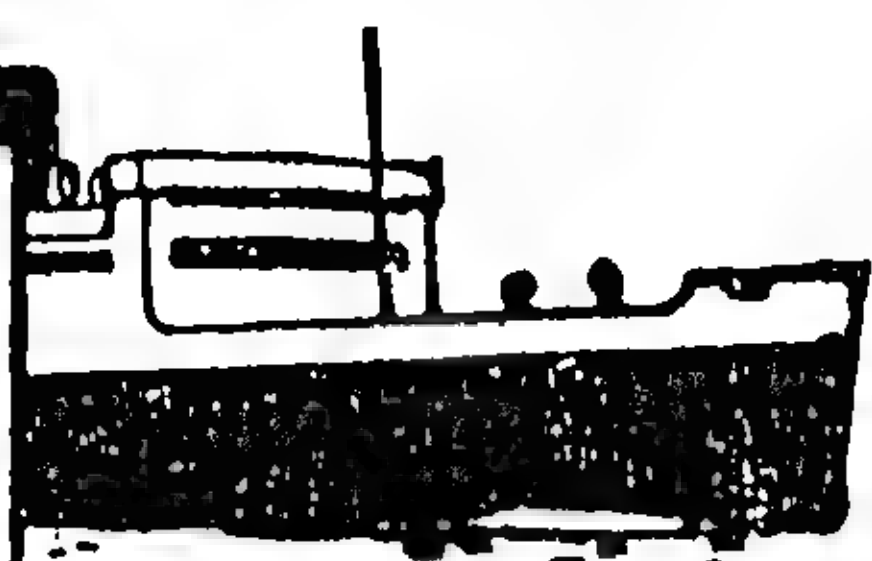
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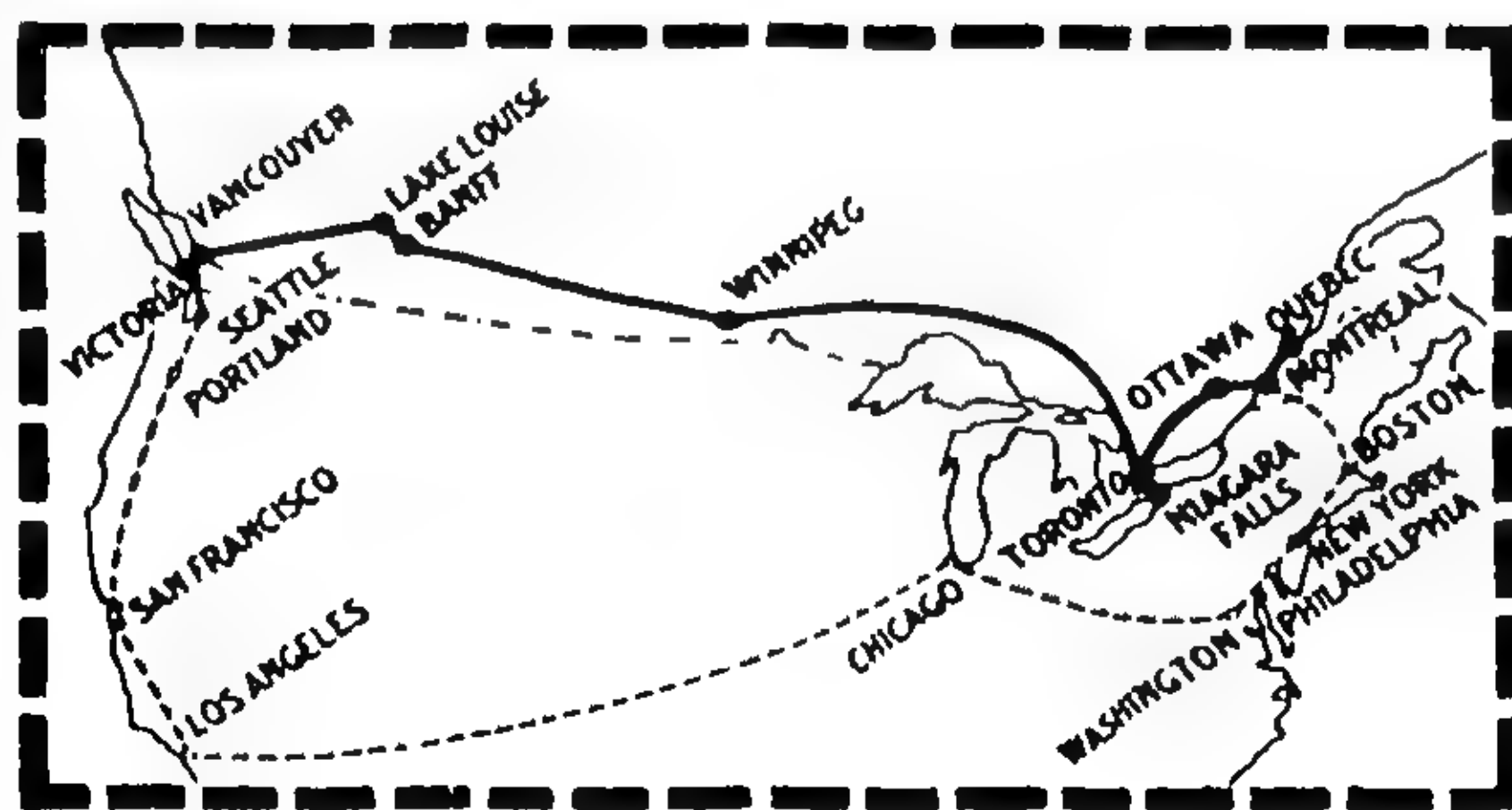
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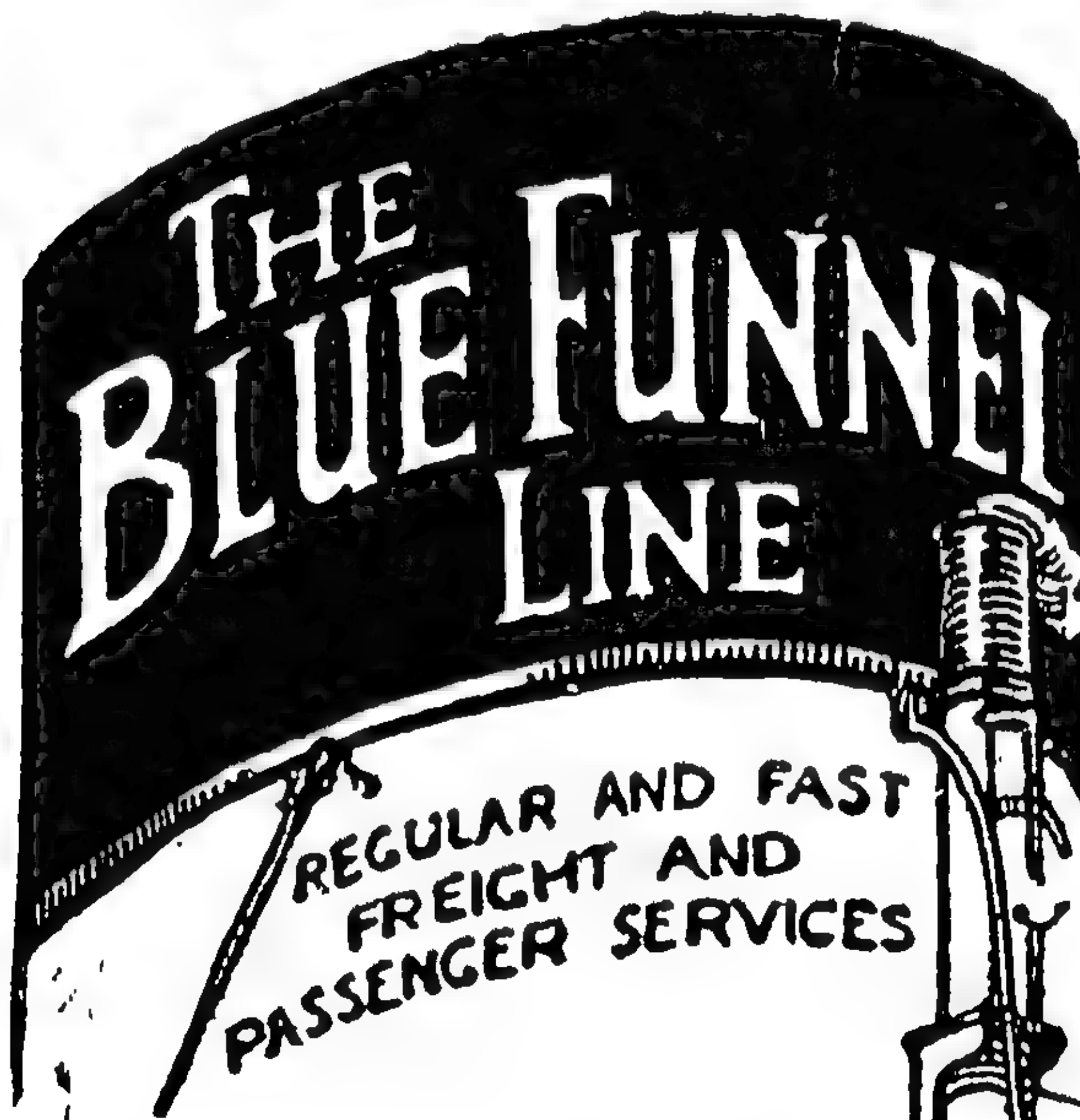
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## R.A.F. MAN'S HOBBY IS LIONS

Folding his circus suit, Eddie Campbell, of Glasgow, put on his R.A.F. blue tunic and went back to the leisurely business of war after ten days' leave spent mostly with his "playmates" — two full-grown lions and two lionesses whose training he has made his hobby.

Eddie gave a "command performance" for a B.B.C. engineer and myself last night, writes a reporter, and made a radio recording which will be broadcast shortly.

Auburn-haired, smiling Eddie is a newspaper reporter by profession. But the biggest interest of his peace-time life was lions.

### Not Forgotten

When he was called up he was asked his profession.

"Journalist," said Eddie.

"Any secondary occupation?" asked the sergeant.

"Yes, sir, lion taming," said Eddie without a smile.

"Now, then, none of that funny talk," said the sergeant.

When Eddie came home on leave a few days ago it was exactly six months since he had seen the lions and lionesses. But they had not forgotten him.

He went up to their cage and called them by name. After the first shock of surprise they raced about the cage, wild with excitement.

"Then I went inside and was nearly licked to death," said Eddie.

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## SONS SEEK TWO DAYS FOR MOTHER IN RUINED HOME

(By A Special Correspondent)

THREE SONS, leaving their wives and children in different parts of the country, rushed to their mother's house in Bristol when they heard it had been demolished by a bomb.

For two days, unaided, they tore frantically among the wreckage looking for her. Then they discovered her body.

Edgar Doggett, thirty-three, an ambulance driver, of Long Ashton, Somerset, reached his mother's home and found it had been flattened.

He searched in the darkness, but could find no one. Then, with his heart breaking, he returned to his job.

He was back at daybreak with his brother Leslie, twenty-seven, an aeroplane worker, and they wired to the third brother, Leonard, thirty-one, at Plymouth.

All night the brothers dug in the wreckage while Leonard was on a train on his way to Bristol.

Held up for hours in an air raid, he did not arrive until five o'clock next morning.

He joined his brothers and with two other relatives they dug throughout the day.

From neighbours they learned that their mother, Mrs. Florence Doggett, fifty, had come out armed with a broom to sweep away the glass outside her broken windows.

### Sought Through Raids

Caught on the pavement Mrs. Doggett, who husband is in hospital, rushed into the adjoining house for safety as bombs fell. She was found there with her dead neighbours.

Her epitaph will be: "Her sons loved her more than their lives."

Her sister Mrs. Boulton told me: "They were a wonderfully devoted family."

"The three boys have nearly killed themselves looking for their mother."

"They worked without rest and without sleep throughout air raid warnings."

"They vowed they would not leave their ruined home until they knew what had happened."

"It is hard to dig out your own dead, but so many homes have gone here there were few people to help them."

The youngest son, Ivor, was drowned in the Royal Oak.

### LEFT HIM GUESSING

"I dined with the next President of the U.S. last week," said a friend, "and saw Lord Beaverbrook, British aircraft production chief recently to a London friend, Wendell Wilkie." Press Lord Beaverbrook grinned. He had also dined with Harry Hopkins, he pointed out.

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## PUP SAVED MISTRESS AGED SEVEN

A puppy, tunnelling his way through 4ft. of debris, saved his seven-year-old mistress after a recent air raid on Southampton.

The girl, Mary Chilver, her dog in her lap, was with her parents and her seventeen-year-old sister Dorothy in their garden shelter when a bomb fell about five yards away.

The family were buried and there was no sign of Mary.

Then the rescuers heard whimpering and scratching, and the face of the puppy Terry, a cocker, appeared through a hole in the debris.

Terry had scratched his way to freedom through 4ft. of stones, bricks and earth.

He had left a channel through which air flowed to his trapped mistress.

The puppy's appearance showed the almost despairing rescuers where to seek the child. After a few minutes' work they freed her.

She was practically unhurt, though suffering from shock.

### Trapped Mother Waited

Mary's father said: "Terry undoubtedly saved Mary's life. She remained buried for quite twenty minutes after the bomb exploded."

"I started to dig with my hands to reach her. As I worked down I could faintly hear Mary call 'Mummy.' She seemed to be choking as earth filled her mouth."

"It drove me almost desperate and I worked frantically. My wife, whose spine had been injured, was still pinned by the debris."

"Having uncovered her face and shoulders we left her to rescue Mary."

"When, eventually, we found Mary, who was on the point of collapse, a large fragment of bomb was resting on her chest."

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## HERO WAS ON LEAVE

Six-foot Seaman Stanley Henry Batchelor, possessor of a rich tenor voice, was to marry a twenty-four-year-old North Country girl.

He got special leave from Chatham and went off gaily to London humming "There'll always be an England." The song, he told his friends always inspired him, and it was his ambition to sing it over the radio.

Two days before the wedding there was an air raid, and Stanley heard bombs falling.

He borrowed a car and rushed to his fiancée's house, only to find that it had already been bombed. He helped to bring his fiancée's body out of the ruins.

But in face of tragedy he carried on with his rescue work.

For seven hours he worked among the ruined houses in the neighbourhood, rescuing people buried in the debris, ignoring the falling bombs, carrying on even when the Nazis came low to machine-gun the toiling rescuers.

After a rest he was out again, working all through the night. And for the rest of his leave he was almost continually out helping and victims. Then he collapsed and was taken to hospital.

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# Recreio Aces Trumped By St. Joseph's In League Finale

## Frankie Gonzalez In Brilliant Pitching Form

By "Grandstand"

ST. JOSEPH'S WOUND UP THE SENIOR LEAGUE IN WHIRLWIND FASHION WHEN THEY TRUMPED THE RECREIO ACES FOR A 3-0 CALCIMINING IN A DAZZLING, ERRORLESS DISPLAY, TO ANNEX THE LI KWOK-YING SHIELD AND THE SEASON'S SOFTBALL TITLE WHICH GOES WITH IT.

With the exception of Lino Gosano, who was still on the sick-list, mentor Riri Noronha fielded the identical team which ecstatic scribes last year called the unbeatable team. The Rambling Rees were a wonderful thing—so was the one horse shay until the automobile took its place!

Yessir, Collegian hurler Frankie Gonzalez just about settled that mythical Recreo "mix" once and for all, when he muzzled the Ramblers' artillery, and dished out two nearly single, the only times the Aces played runner on base, whilst his team mates were collecting seven safeties off roundman Gerry Gosano. But here's the story.

### Hopes Run High

Inaugurating the initial frame for the Rees, Caco Monique grounded out to Souza, whilst Tony "Peewee" Alves popped out to Ozorio for the first two outs. Recreo hopes ran high as Zinho Gosano pickled one to right, but was left stranded as brother Gerry fled out to deep right.

In the Saints' turn with the hickory, they too were blanked, although "Ozo" Ozorio slashed a single to right and pilfered second, but Dave Leonard grounded out to end the chapter.

In the next canto Jindoo Husain laid his ash into one for a two-bagger, pilfered third, and ambled home as slusher Gerry Gosano threw one into the dirt which completely eluded hind-satcher Charlie Eggenredo.

In the third canto George singled, soaked the Levee cushion and dished the pentagon on Ozorio. Timey bangle, for another Collegian tally.

In the fifth frame another Omarman camped across the pay-off station, when Zinho Gosano tried to make good a delayed throw to first which went so wide first-sacker Nick Beltrao couldn't have reached with a tent-pole.

### Aces' Only Threat

The only time the Aces looked like breaking the string of early-season Easter eggs, was when centre-gardener Bertie slashed one dead over the middle cushion for a single, and was sacrificed to second on Nick Beltrao's dump. Dicky Alves' slow roller to short advanced Bertie to third, where he died as Johnnie Fonseca tapped one to hurler Frankie Gonzalez and was flagged at first.

The big gun of the day was Jindoo "Muscle-bound" Husain who wiped off the stigma of the label "hitless wonder," with which he was one time dubbed, by lashing the horsehide for a perfect batting mark in his three times at the dish, with three safeties, all

of which he stretched into doubles. George Souza and Art Ozorio both cuffed a brace of singles in their three chances, to come in for a share of the honours.

### Out Of Fire

In the other Senior tilt, the Chinese Baseballers pulled the game out of the fire, with a five-run uprising in the fifth frame, to make good a two-run deficit, the game ending 8-4 in favour of the Lamen.

Although issuing free transportation to first to six Islanders, hurler Denham Cary bore down in the pinches and whiffed nine Filipinos, yielding two scattered hits, whilst chucker Lefty Amper allowed 10 safeties, of which two were doubles.

George White and Willie Wilson both connected safely two in four times, the latter including a ringing double, whilst hurler Denham Cary, clouted the other extra-base blow.

The Filipinos dished out the only two-killing of the frame, right gardener Hedefonso hauling down Howard Lee's long fly, and begging Shald off first.

## MINDANAO SOON STRIKE BEST FORM

By "Grandstand"

At the sun-drenched Caroline Hill ballpark on Saturday, the U.S.S. Mindanao nine smartly drubbed a Canadian squad by 18-1 in an early-season practice game.

Mindanao hurler Powlowski, the Pulversing Polack, turned on the heat from the initial chapter and whiffed nine Canadians as he fed them his torrid heaves, mixing speed with curves, whilst losing chucker "Wild" Bill Smith, fanned six Chasemen, but walked no less than ten to first.

Powlowski allowed two safeties, whilst Smith was nixed for 11 blows.

The Mindanaoan jumped right into the lead with a four-run start in the initial frame on two singles, assisted by two Maple Leaf bobbles, after two were away.

For four innings the Canadians couldn't reach first base, and it looked like a no-hit shutout, when Pinky Higgins connected for a blooper to short centre, pilfered second and scored on a sacrifice and two wild heaves, to save the Canadians from a whitewashing.

Hammering Smith for four safeties, the Mindanao barking bats pushed six counters over the pan in the sixth, whilst another spurge of five tallies on only one safety in the seventh froze the game for them.

### C.C.C. TEAM FOR VITAL MATCH

The following will represent Craigengower Cricket Club in a Second Division League Cricket match against Kowloon Cricket Club on Saturday, at 2.00 p.m., on the K.C.C. ground:—

A. M. Omar (Capt), N. Broadbridge, U. H. Esmail, A. B. Hamson, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, E. A. Lee, J. W. Leonard, T. Lock, U. M. Omar and W. K. Way.

## FINAL SENIOR LEAGUE TABLE

	W	L	Pts
St. Joseph's	12	2	24
H.K. Baseballers	11	3	22
Indan Softballers	10	4	20
Chinese Baseballers	7	7	14
Cyclones	7	7	14
Recreio Aces	7	7	14
Filipinos	2	12	4
Canadian Chinese	0	14	0

## INTER-HONG LEAGUE

By "Grandstand"

Playing before a handful of spectators, the Lacas shellacked the Shell Oilers 10-2 to earn a 9-6 victory in the curtain-raiser on the Kowloon Football Club ground.

Both teams played air-tight ball for the first frame, both sides being retied in order, but a couple of Lacas misuses in the second chapter allowed three Shell talles to cross the pan for a flying start. The Dockyard team, however, clinched the lead by pushing one marker across in the third, and unleashed a barrage of three safeties for a five-run spurge in the fourth session to take the lead, and clinched the game by producing another cluster of three runs in the last stanza.

### Longest Hits

Madeen Arculli and R.A. "Baby" Abbas both banged in three-baggers for the longest hits of the day.

Skipper Jimmy South had a chance of being the hero of the day, when he stroled up to the platter, with the sacks soused, swinging two bats. He only tapped out a feeble roller to hurler Ablong for a fielder's choice, however.

Laca moundsman Nazarin fanned three and walked three, whilst Bamby Ablong, who toiled on the hill for the Oilers, walked four without whiffing any.

### Free Hitting

In a friendly tilt, the Texaco Oilers trounced the Cosmopolitan Club nine 7-2 in a friendly tilt, featuring free hitting on both sides. Texacoan short-stop, Johnnie Schaberg, led the parade with a three-base blow and a pair of doubles in four trips to the platter, and Lone Star Ranger Larupin Lawrence, who worked on the slab, was nixed for seven safeties, Cosmopolitan moundsman Blas and Remedios yielded eight blows.

## EXHIBITION SOFTBALL

At a meeting held yesterday at the Club Lusitano of representatives of all clubs affiliated to Hong Kong Softball Association, it was decided to stage two exhibition games on Easter Monday for the benefit of the Chinese Warphan Fund.

The Senior League winners, St. Joseph's, were selected to meet the Stanley Mohawks, whilst the pennant winners in the Ladies' loop, the Wildcats, will engage an All-Star team. It was revealed at the meeting

## S. CHINA TO TOUR STRAITS

By "Referee"

As the proposed Australian tour has fallen through and the visit to Manila cancelled owing to the decision of the P.A.A.F. following the unpleasant incidents which followed the Eastern-Y.C.O game there recently, South China Athletic Association have decided to tour the Straits Settlements and the Federated Malay States during the Summer.

Negotiations have now been completed and the team is expected to leave immediately after the Governor's Cup game. All arrangements have been made in Singapore by Pau Ka-ping, former South China goalkeeper and captain.

At present South China only intend to play in the Straits but it is possible that when there, they may receive invitations to visit Java and other places.

The team will be captained by Lee Wan-long and will include a number of junior players for the sake of giving them experience.

## TO-DAY'S SOCCER

Following is to-day's soccer programme.

FIRST DIVISION	
Club	v Kwong Wah (Club, 5.00 p.m.)
SECOND DIVISION	
S. China	v Engineers (Central Hill, 5.00 p.m.)
THIRD DIVISION	
Engineers	v 24th RA (7st Joseph's, 3.00 p.m.)
36th RA	v 12th RA (Sookunpoo, 3.30 p.m.)

## NO INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY

At a meeting of the Hockey Association yesterday at the European Y.M.C.A. it was decided not to hold the International Tournament this year as Volunteer and other duties made it very difficult to organise matches.

The Six-a-Side Tournament will be held, however. Entries will close on April 18. Entries, accompanied by a fee of \$2 per team, should be sent to Mr. D. T. Smith, Hon. Secretary, at the Harbour Office.

Signor Halstead, Royal Corps of Signals, who was reported for allegedly insulting a referee during the interval of a League match, was censured.

## ARMY RUGBY "SEVENS"

The annual Army Seven-a-Side Rugby tournament began yesterday when six first round matches were played at Sookunpoo. The quarter-finals, semi-finals and final will be played at Sookunpoo on Saturday, the first game commencing at 3 p.m.

The following were yesterday's results:—

R. Scots "A"	beat 12th Cst.
R. A. "B"	9-0.
5th A.A. R.A. "A"	beat R. Scots "B" 17-0.
5th R.A. "C"	beat M'sex "B" 6-0.
5th R.A. "B"	beat M'sex "A" 3-0.
R.A.M.C.	beat 8th Cst. R.A. "B" 10-0.
R.E. "A"	beat 12th Cst. R.A. "A" 18-0.
R.E. "B"	also qualified for the next round, their opponents, 8th Cst. R.A. "A" having withdrawn from the tournament.

that only a limited number of tickets will be sold, and enthusiasts are advised to obtain these at the earliest opportunity to avoid disappointment.

## GRAPHIC GOLF



PLAYER'S BODY IS TILTED. BALANCE POOR, MUSCLES TAUT.

## The Backstroke

By Best Ball

Many a golfer makes the mistake of thinking that by drawing his body up in the backstroke to a degree that causes a definite sway to the right and a tensing of all the muscles, he is putting himself in the best possible position to put power into his swing. As can be seen from the smaller, lower panel above, such a player is all wrapped up in his effort and it is going to take considerable unwrapping to bring the clubhead back to the ball correctly. Quite likely the weight will remain on the right foot during this effort and cause the player to fall away from the ball at impact.

The larger panel discloses a smoothly executed full backswing in which the body has turned well around yet its position has remained constant. There is no contortion here, the body can unwind naturally and evenly on the downstroke with the greatest amount of precision.

Next Article: — Relaxing Left Hand Grip may alter Right's Hold On Club.

## NO TENNIS YESTERDAY

Owing to the unfit state of the ground yesterday, caused by the rain, no Championship tennis matches were played.

## TO-DAY'S TENNIS

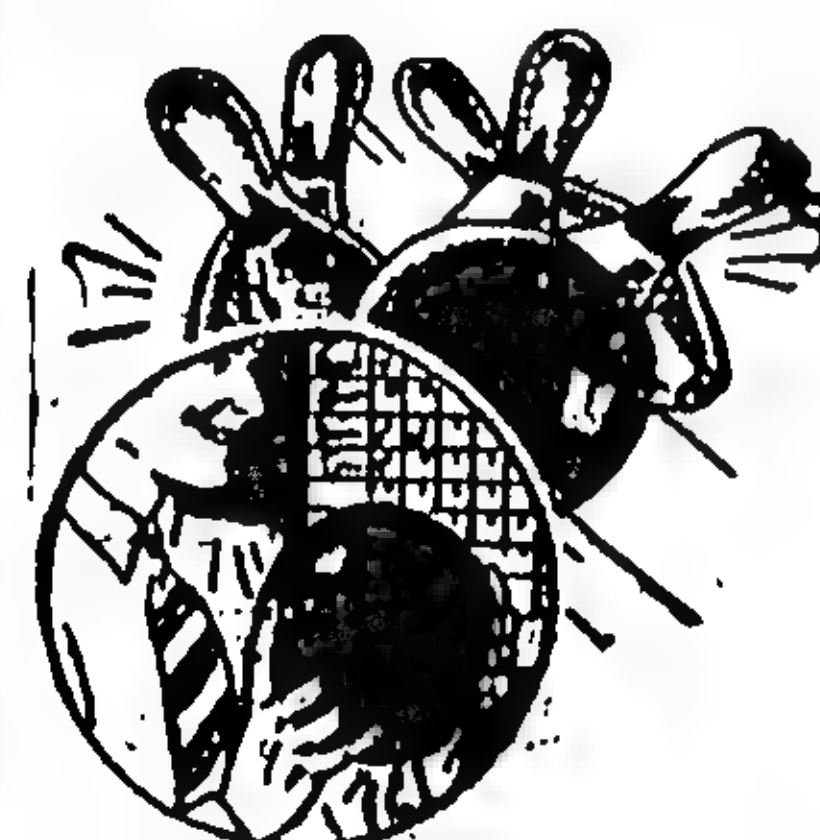
Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme:

OPEN SINGLES	
George Chou	v Tsui Wan-pui (Stand Court).
Pang Oi-lam	v H. D. Runjahn (8).
CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES	
J. Stirling Lee	(-2/6) v E. R. Childe (plus 1/6) (6).
CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES	
T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould	(-15.2) v G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall (-15.11) (4).
CLUB HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES	
J. S. Theobald and Mrs. Torrible	(-15) v A. H. Barwell and Mrs. Oxlade (-5/0) (3).

## BADMINTON RESULTS

Following are the results of matches played in the Badminton Championship yesterday:

JUNIOR SINGLES	
T. S. Young	beat N. L. Smith, 15-8, 11-15, 15-12.
JUNIOR DOUBLES	
C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier	beat P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu, 11-15, 15-7, 10-17.
SENIOR DOUBLES	
K. W. Choy and K. B. Low	beat M. Oliveira and L. A. Carvalho, 15-8, 15-5.



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# "Young Wild Bull Of Pampas" Picked As Coming World Boxing Champion

## MISHAPS AT THE VALLEY

By "Rapier"

Master Li Shiu-fai, son of Mr. Li Po-chun, had a miraculous escape from serious injury this morning.

He was taking out Portrush, belonging to Mr. H. Leung, which had been entered for the Taiwan Bay Handicap (Second Section) to be run on Saturday, for its preparation gallop. On reaching the mile post the pony turned around and bolted, running back to the stables.

Blocked off by a Russian trainer and a Chinese matron in the middle of the grass track, the pony collided with the bamboo fence and Master Li was hurled from the saddle, luckily coming down on his back with his head missing the ground by inches.

Undaunted by the mishap, Master Li later went out on the pony, which was led by a matron to the mile post, from where the mile gallop was completed.

Later Mr. R. M. Wood took out Well Done, belonging to Mr. R. H. C. for a trot. On reaching the 1 1/2 mile post the pony stumbled and Mr. Wood was unseated although he was completely unharmed and remained to finish the exercise.

### FOAL RECORD SET

A record number of 6399 foals was recorded with the Jockey Club during 1940. The increase from New York

LUIS ANGEL FIRPO has discovered a "young wild bull of the pampas," writes Herman H. Barger from Buenos Aires.

Firpo — who knocked Jack Dempsey out of the ring 17 years ago in pugilism's most thrilling brawl — predicts that his discovery, young Abel Cestac, will be heavyweight champion of the world within three years.

Cestac, a big handsome Argentine cowboy, but an amateur with only four bouts under his belt. However, the enthused Firpo declares that Cestac is a better boxer and more deadly puncher than even he (Firpo) was in his prime.

After watching Cestac stiffen his spines and win all four bouts by knockouts, Firpo said delightedly, "he is the only man I ever saw wild bull besides myself."

### Huge Hands

Cestac, dark-haired and beautifully proportioned, packs 222 pounds on a six-foot-three-inch frame. His hands are larger even than the original "wild bulls" than the original "wild bulls" huge meat-hooks. Firpo claims you can hit Abel on the chin with an axe "and it no hurt him." But the fans don't know yet whether Angel's discovery can take it because none of his four opponents ever got close enough to find out after that thundering right connected with their jaws.

Cestac is 22 years old and learning fast. But reveal Firpo, he had him under his wing since July, when he found Cestac wrestling with a steer and giving the animal the worst of it.

Firpo owns a big time ranch in the pampas. He owns a ranch 12 miles square, stocked with 4000 cattle, 4000 sheep and 400 horses. Firpo lives at the ranch in Calles, Cerezo, and spends most of his time in the saddle, coming to Buenos Aires occasionally for business.

### Youthful Giant

It seems that Luis Angel was riding past another ranch one cool day last July. He explains that he saw a cloud of dust on the horizon, so he rode over to investigate. He surprised a youthful giant roughing it up with a full grown and belligerent steer. Luis wanted to know why the young steer wrestled with the steer, instead of testing his prowess with men. And, "Abel, he says, 'they men he knows are not so strong to give him fun, but the steer, he is strong. So I say maybe you would like job on my rancho.' Yes, an I will show you how to make more having fun fighting Abel, he thinks I'm kidding about the money for fun, but he say hokey."

### Ready In A Year

Firpo figures that the "young bull" will be ready for competition in the United States in another year. Meanwhile, he will keep Cestac busy training at the ranch and fighting in Buenos Aires. Firpo may visit New York next month, but without his prize. He is planning a business trip, his first to New York since 1924 when he fought Harry Wills.

## SOCCER OFFICIALS

Following is the soccer programme and appointments for the week-end ending April 14.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

Senior Shield Final  
South China v. Navy  
(Navy ground, 4 p.m.)  
Referee: Kossick  
Lanesmen: Beard and Foster  
First Division  
Club v. Middlesex  
(Club, 4.30 p.m.)  
Referee: Rev. Hinchcliffe  
Lanesmen: Fraser and Pike  
Junior Shield Final  
South China v. Service Corps  
(Navy ground, 2.15 p.m.)  
Referee: Mahe  
Lanesmen: Glover and Mitchell  
Second Division  
Middlesex v. Club  
(Club, 3 p.m.)  
Referee: Wilson  
Third Division  
R.A. v. Lanesmen  
(Navy ground, 3 p.m.)  
Referee: Banham  
SUNDAY  
First Division  
R.A. v. Royal Scots  
(Navy ground, 4.30 p.m.)  
Referee: Glover  
Lanesmen: Capes and Thorne  
Second Division  
Preston v. Sing Tao  
(Boundary Street, 3 p.m.)  
Referee: Baker  
MONDAY, APRIL 14  
Exhibition Match  
South China (First Division Champions) v. The Red  
(Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.)  
Referee: Beard  
Lanesmen: Rev. Hinchcliffe and Ford  
Third Division Championship (Play-off)  
Royal Air Force v. R.C. of Signals  
(Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)  
Referee: Glover  
Lanesmen: Fraser and Emmons.

The meeting was concluded by the adoption of a proposal that all training games in the Lawn Bowls League this season, in which not more than 35 heads have been played, be entirely replayed on the first practically convenient Sunday or public holiday.

## NEW WARTIME GOLF RULES

A golf club near London has posted the following wartime rules, states a message from London.

"1. The position of known delayed action bombs will be marked by red flags placed at a reasonably but not guaranteed safe distance.

"2. A ball removed by enemy action may be replaced as near as possible to where it lay, or if lost or destroyed, another ball may be dropped not nearer the hole without penalty.

"3. Competitors during gunfire or while bombs are falling, may take cover without penalty."

—United Press.

### BASKETBALL

Two basketball games in aid of the Y.M.C.A. Relief Committee were staged yesterday at Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A.

Hong Kong A.R.P. girls were defeated by the visiting Macao All Stars 26-39.

In the boys' game Hong Kong Kai Ying School smashed the Macao All Stars 50-38.

### CHESS RESULTS

A. Y. Biriukoff experienced his first defeat in the Colony Junior Chess Championship last night when he dropped a point to J. Tausz. In the only other game played, A. Kurik beat E. H. Petrove.

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## NEW SCORING SYSTEM FOR BOWLS LEAGUE

A new method of league lawn bowls scoring on similar lines to the system in Shanghai was adopted at the annual meeting of the Lawn Bowls Association yesterday when Sir Atholl MacGregor, Vice-President, presided.

The new method of scoring will award an aggregate of five points to each league game, the winners on the aggregate number of shots for all three rinks winning two of the five points, and each winning rink scoring a point.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President, Sir Atholl MacGregor.  
Vice-President, Mr. J. A. Fraser.  
Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. P. Phillips.  
Hon. Treasurer, Mr. L. A. Gutierrez.

Mr. Phillips read the letter from the bowls association of Club de Retiro.

"I am directed by my Committee to place before the annual meeting for their consideration the following proposal:

1. That the present method of scoring league points be abandoned and in its stead a total of five points be at stake in every match as follows:—Two points for a win on aggregate number of shots; one point for each winning rink.

2.—That the composition of the first and second divisions be limited to eight teams each and third division, if too unwieldy, be split into two sections or alternatively, have a fourth division.

"This latter proposition, besides making reasonably sure that all important fixtures are completed by the end of August, will provide ample time for the open and club championships to be played before the interest in bowls begins to decline."

In pointing out the advantages of this scoring system, the Chairman, Sir Atholl MacGregor, said that in comparison with the old system it would be a more accurate reflection of the "actual state of the game."

Sir Atholl, in his opening remarks, conveyed to the meeting the apologies of the retiring Pre-



# GREEK OFFENSIVE ON THE ALBANIAN FRONT

Strong Attack Meets With Exceptional Success

## Italian Lines Taken By Storm

THE OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS BEGUN BY THE GREEK TROOPS ON THE ALBANIAN FRONT ON MONDAY CONTINUE WITH "EXCEPTIONAL SUCCESS," ACCORDING TO LATEST REPORTS FROM THE FRONT, SAYS ATHENS RADIO LAST NIGHT.

The announcer continued: "In the early hours of Monday, after artillery preparation, our forces launched a strong attack. The violence of our action was so great that enemy fortified positions, barbed wire entanglements and machine-gun nests were annihilated.

"The enemy was chased out of his position and suffered a real defeat in men and material. The struggle continued throughout the day.

"The Italians left dead and wounded and war material on the battlefield and prisoners in our hands."

### Sweeping Advance

Describing the attack, the correspondent at the front of the Athens news paper "Eftia" says: "Greek infantry detachments fell upon the enemy with tempestuous violence.

"Fortified works, machine gun posts and several lines of trenches were captured at the point of the bayonet in a sweeping charge."

### Many Prisoners

"Our troops then occupied and reconquered these Italian positions. Prisoners were taken in big numbers, together with plentiful stores and ammunition. Italian casualties in killed and wounded were heavy." — Reuter.

### CHINA TEA COMPANY CHANGES

Mr. Shou Ching-wen, managing director of the China Tea Company, which controls China tea exports, has resigned. The managing directorship will be taken over by Mr. Li Tai-chu, who assumes his new duties on April 16. — Reuter.

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## MATSUOKA'S MOSCOW VISIT PROLONGED?

Mr. Matsuoka, who was scheduled to leave Moscow on Thursday for Tokyo, is now to stay in the Soviet capital until Easter Sunday, according to an official German news agency despatch from Moscow yesterday. — Reuter.

## N.Y.K. MANAGER FOUND HANGED

A verdict of suicide was recorded at the inquest on Mr. Hiroji Uemura, manager of the N.Y.K. in Bombay, who was found dead at his residence.

It was revealed at the inquest that the body was discovered hanging in the bathroom of the flat occupied by Mr. Uemura. The doctor also deposed that it was a distinct case of hanging.

Evidence in regard to the reasons for suicide was not submitted and the coroner, addressing the jury, said the law did not require them to find out anything more than this.

He added: "We have nothing to do with the question why he committed suicide." The jury returned a unanimous verdict of suicide by hanging.

### Police Search

Inquiries revealed that two Parsi employees of the N.Y.K. were arrested under the Defence of India Rules a few days ago on a charge of the collection of shipping information useful to the enemy, following which the police searched the N.Y.K. office on Saturday. — Reuter.

## YELLOW RIVER PROBLEM

THE NANKING REGIME IS SEEKING THE COOPERATION OF THE CHUNGKING GOVERNMENT IN REGARD TO THE PROBLEM OF REPAIRING THE YELLOW RIVER DYKES QUICKLY TO PREVENT SERIOUS FLOODS IN KIANGSU AND ANHWEI, ACCORDING TO CHINESE PRESS REPORTS IN SHANGHAI.

A Nanking official is quoted as saying Chungking must cooperate Chungking-controlled areas. It is stated, however, that hitherto no actual telegraphic request has been formally made by Nanking to Chungking. — Reuter.

## Burma Rd. Kept Open

IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY, MR. GIBSON ASKED THE FOREIGN SECRETARY WHETHER HE HAD CONSIDERED THE SPEECH MADE IN BERLIN BY MR. MATSUOKA PRAYING FOR A SPEEDY VICTORY FOR GERMANY, AND WHETHER THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAD SENT GENERAL CHIANG KAI-SHEK A MESSAGE OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT ON LINES SIMILAR TO THAT SENT BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

Mr. Gibson further asked what steps the British, Indian and Burmese Governments have taken jointly and severally to keep open the Burma Road in order to aid the Chinese in resisting the aggressor in China.

Replying, Mr. R. A. Butler said that he had seen press reports of Mr. Matsuoka's statement. The British Government's policy was stated on March 20, and it was, he said, already fully understood by General Chiang.

Regarding the Burma Road, Mr. Butler stated that owing to Japanese bombing of the bridges at Mekong and Salween there had been certain interruption of traffic but repairs have been effected and the road is open to traffic over its entire length. — Central News.

## EIRE PLACED ON NAVICERT SYSTEM

As from May 1 cargo navicerts will be required for all goods shipped to Eire from neutral territories outside the European zone, states the Ministry of Economic Warfare.

This applies even if goods are to be transhipped in the U.K.

All vessels sailing direct to Eire from any neutral port will require ship navicerts which will be issued on the usual conditions. — British Wireless.

## POPE'S EASTER BROADCAST

The Pope will broadcast a short message on Easter Sunday at midday (Greenwich Time) before giving the Benediction, "Urbi et Orbi." — Reuter.

Reports that the Pope will broadcast on Easter Sunday a plan for world peace which he discussed with Mr. Matsuoka last week, are disposed of by a statement from the Vatican wireless that "this year the Holy Father will not come down for any solemn functions in St. Peter's on Easter Sunday." — British Wireless.

## FORD BREAKS PRECEDENT

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ITS 38 YEARS OF LIFE THE FORD MOTOR COMPANY WILL NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY WITH LABOUR UNION OFFICIALS.

The negotiation will be a result of the strike at the company's gigantic River Rouge plant which is paralysing production.

As a result of the company's decision to negotiate, the Governor of Michigan yesterday issued a statement saying "The new developments towards a settlement of the strike at the Ford Motor Company are encouraging to all parties." — Reuter.

## STOP PRESS

Eight perished in a conflagration at Amoy at midnight on March 29, a Chinese press report in Shanghai reveals.

Among the dead are said to have been four Japanese, three Chinese policemen and a Korean.

More than \$10,000 worth of property belonging to the M.B.K. and the O.S.K. is said to have been destroyed in the fire, which is believed to have been started by incendiaries. — Reuter.

It is officially announced that the issue of the Post Office Inward and Outward Mail Notices, except in the case of direct Air Mails, will be discontinued as from today, and no enquiries of any nature, i.e. personally, by telephone or by letter, as to the time of closing or receipt of any particular mail can be entertained.

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## SERBIAN DEFENCES TRIUMPH

Belgrade radio broadcast a Yugoslav High Command communique last night stating:

"On all fronts the situation is in our favour. Enemy attacks have been repulsed with the greatest vigour. This is even admitted by the enemy radio station. Heavy losses were inflicted on the enemy. Our air force achieved special distinction in encounters with the enemy." — Reuter.

## SEVERAL HUNDRED KILLED IN RAIDS ON BELGRADE

Several hundred were killed and about 3,000 injured in two days and two nights of bombing attacks on Belgrade, according to a despatch from Belgrade to the Vichy news agency.

The despatch says that the ministerial and industrial quarters, stations and the river port are in flames. — Reuter.

## All Principal Greek Strong Points Still Intact

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

By M. Angelopoulos, I.N.S. Correspondent in Athens. FIGHTING IS INCREASING HOURLY IN VIOLENCE ALONG THE ENTIRE GRAECO-BULGARIAN BORDER BATTLE LINE, ESPECIALLY ALONG THE NEVROKOP HEIGHTS IN FRONT IN THE RUPEL AND OCCITA FORTIFICATIONS.

Every German onslaught in this sector has been smashed, and severe losses have been inflicted by the Greek defenders, who are being brilliantly covered by bomber and fighter units of the R.A.F.

The Germans are now pinned, in the Rupel sector, behind the Bulgarian border, having failed to register the slightest gains.

Similarly encouraging reports have been officially issued, covering the entire Macedonian front. Though one or two forts have fallen in bitter hand-to-hand fighting, the principal Greek strong points remain intact.

Attempts by the Germans to exploit the use of parachute troops have failed signally and all who landed have been killed or captured.

An official communique announces that an entire German tank battalion was wiped out while crossing a bridge in West Macedonia, by the explosion of a mine placed under it.

### Dangerous Sector

Of the situation on the crucial North-East front, little is yet known beyond the fact that the Greek troops, outnumbered by ten to one, have been forced to carry out a slow withdrawal. This is attributed to failure of the Yugoslavian troops in this

## NO RAPID DECISION

THE "STOCKHOLM TIDNINGEN" DECLARED YESTERDAY THAT MILITARY EXPERTS DO NOT EXPECT THE GERMAN ADVANCE TO BE EASY AND GERMANY DOES NOT EXPECT TO FORCE A RAPID DECISION.

Length of the struggle will depend on the size of the British forces which will be transported over to the Balkans in the near future. Although the Germans promised a new Dunkirk they are doubtless conscious of the difference in circumstances. — Reuter.

sector to hold their lines which were thinly held against powerful German forces. The Yugoslav withdrawal exposed the Greek left flank. (Questions on Page 16)

## POSSIBLE RUSSO-GERMAN RUPTURE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A RUSSIAN SOURCE IN LONDON OF UNQUESTIONED AUTHORITY YESTERDAY MADE THE FIRST RELIABLE DECLARATION ON A POSSIBLE RUSSO-GERMAN RUPTURE.

"The Nazi aggressions are rapidly destroying the foundations of our accord," he declared, "and our treaties of friendship and non-aggression with Bulgaria and Yugoslavia have already been ignored.

## Red Sea Ban To Be Lifted

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

President Roosevelt announced yesterday that shipments of aid to Yugoslavia were being rushed as fast as they can get overseas.

It is also learned that the President will shortly authorize American ships to carry war supplies to the Red Sea. Authorization will be in the form of withdrawal of the previous order which forbids United States ships to call at Aden and the Red Sea.

Informed quarters state that the President is only awaiting news of the fall of Moscow before issuing such orders. International News Service.

"Perhaps to-morrow Turkey will be the next victim.

"Our policy is aimed consistently at avoiding any spread of the war and maintaining peace in the Balkans.

"There is no question now who is the aggressor. The war has passed the stage of a struggle between two capitalistic states and is approaching gangsterism, where one power is ruthlessly destroying its smaller neighbours."

THE SOURCE ADMITTED THE POSSIBILITY OF AN EVENTUAL RUSSO-GERMAN CONFLICT BUT INSISTED IT WOULD COME ONLY IF THE REICH ATTACKS THE SOVIET.

"Russian indignation must be interpreted as a gesture friendly to England. We have no desire to participate in an imperialistic war but we are determined to defend our interests." — International News Service.

### Never More Clearly

The Moscow Government has never more clearly shown that the pact of friendship with Germany is not intended to become an alliance," declares the "Stockholm Tidningen" commenting on the Soviet-Yugoslav Pact. — Reuter.

## MARK OF ITALO-U.S. TENSION

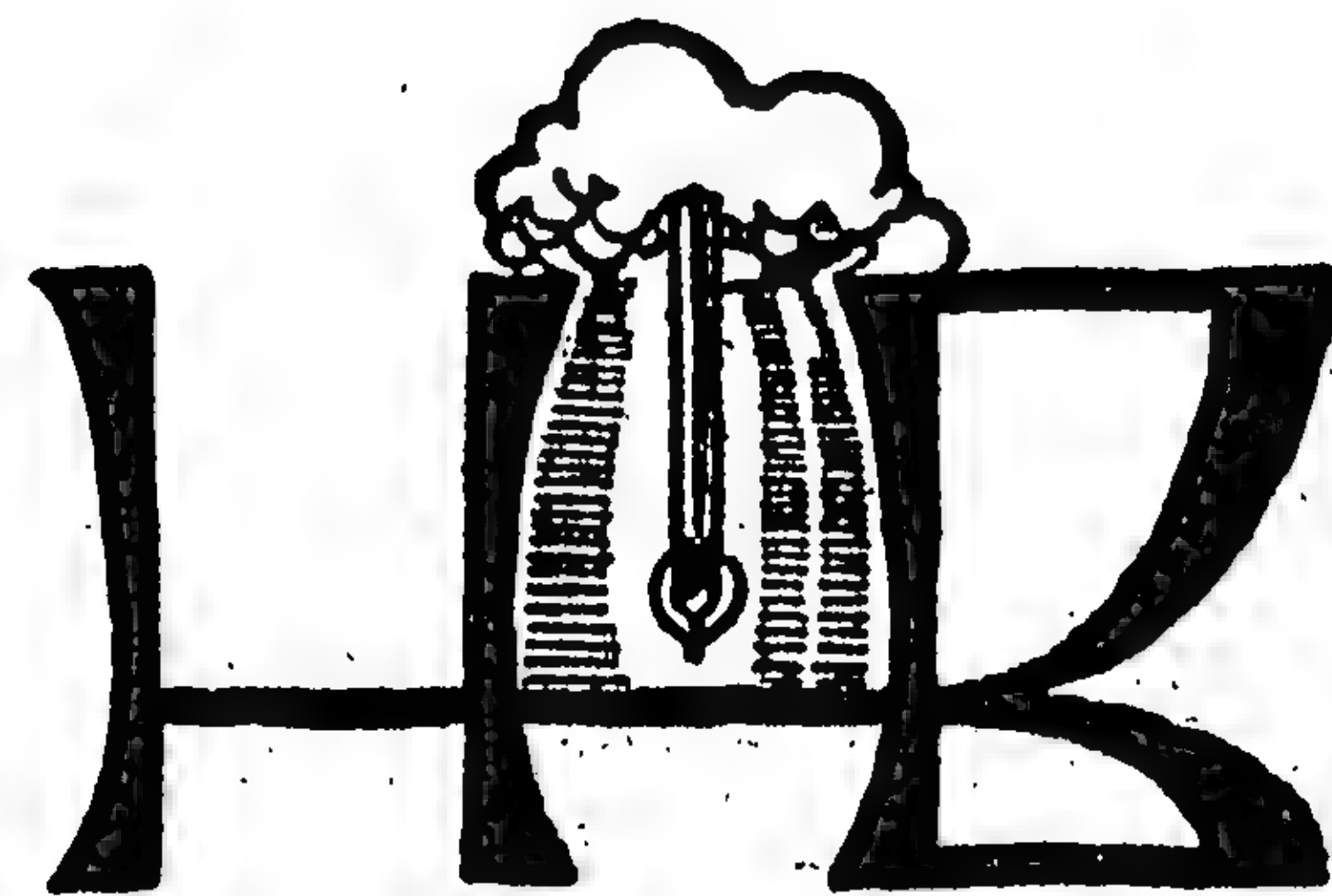
(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Strong forces of troops were placed around the United States Embassy and Consulate at Rome yesterday, leading observers to believe that new developments are at hand.

There are reasons to believe that the Italian Ambassador at Washington, Prince Ascanio Colonna, will be withdrawn from the United States followed by the recall of the United States Ambassador at Rome, Mr. William Phillips, but a break of diplomatic relations is not considered likely yet.

The posting of additional guards suggest the possibility that the Italian government is making preparations to reveal the recall of the Italian Naval Attache at Washington, Admiral Luis, which has been kept secret up to the present. — International News Service.

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# NAZI STRATEGY IN YUGOSLAVIA

## Endeavouring To Cut Communication Lines Weight Of Effort Concentrated On Bulgarian Borders

THE MAIN GERMAN DRIVE AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA IS AIMED AT THE VITAL COMMUNICATION CENTRES OF NISH AND SKIFOE, IN THE HOPE OF CUTTING THE YUGOSLAV ARMY IN TWO, ACCORDING TO USUALLY WELL-INFORMED SOURCES IN ANKARA YESTERDAY.

Another push is being made from Petrich, in the extreme south-western corner of Bulgaria, down the tributary of the Struma River towards Strumica, whence the Germans could thrust across country towards the valley of the Varda River.

### MATCHEK CALL TO CROATS

A call to the Croats for unity and discipline was uttered over Zagreb radio last night by Dr. Matchek, the Croat leader and Vice-Premier in General Simovitch's Cabinet.

"The catastrophe of war, he says, can be lessened if they are united and disciplined."

A urging the Croats, he is going to remain among them and share with them every sorrow and trial. He urges them to "have faith in God and the unity of the Peasant Party."—Reuter.

### BREAKING WITH HUNGARY

Both the Netherlands and Belgium, whose Governments are in London, have decided to break off relations with Hungary, Reuter learns.

The Netherlands Charge d'Affaires in Budapest has been instructed by the Netherlands Government to leave his post.

The Belgian Minister in Budapest will leave by way of Moscow by the same route that the British Minister is expected to use.—Reuter.

### AMOY FIRE DESTRUCTION

Eight perished in a conflagration at Amoy at midnight on March 29, a Chinese press report in Shanghai reveals.

Among the dead are said to have been four Japanese, three Chinese policemen and a Korean. More than \$10,000,000 worth of property belonging to the M.B.K. and the O.S.K. is said to have been destroyed in the fire, which is believed to have been started by incendiaries.—Reuter.

### BELGRADE ON THE AIR AGAIN

Belgrade radio station resumed broadcasting last night at 9.15 (G.M.T.) after being silent since the initiation of the German attack.

The announcer stated that the service would be resumed.—Reuter.

These sources state that the German forces in Bulgaria consist of four groups.

The first has headquarters at Vidin, on the Turkish frontier; the second is based on Kustendil, near the Yugoslav frontier; the third is in north-west Bulgaria and the fourth is being held in reserve near Sofia.

THE GERMAN AIR FORCE IS ATTACKING YUGOSLAVIA WITH TWO MAIN AIR FLEETS OPERATING FROM RUMANIA AND BULGARIA.

#### German Claims

Meanwhile the German news agency last night claimed that German troops are continuing the advance into Serbia "despite great destruction of roads and very difficult country."

"Considerable war material, including a large number of medium and heavy guns and motorised batteries, have been captured," it claims.

It adds that large quantities of infantry ammunition fell into the hands of the advancing troops during these operations.—Reuter.

## MASSIVE RAIDS ON NAZI POSITIONS IN BULGARIA

HEAVY RAIDS BY FORMATIONS OF R.A.F. BOMBERS ON ENEMY POSITIONS IN BULGARIA DURING THE NIGHT OF SUNDAY ARE REPORTED IN A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY HEADQUARTERS OF THE BRITISH FORCES IN GREECE YESTERDAY.

The communique says a railway junction and marshalling yards in Sofia were attacked successfully, direct hits causing many fires and explosions in the railway yards and industrial area.

Railway trucks were seen to be hurled into the air, while lorries in the Struma Valley road were machine-gunned.

Another formation bombed the railway station at Gorna Djumaya, where fires were started.

At Simitli railway and road junction, a motor transport convoy and troop concentrations were attacked.

Bombs straddled the railway and road, exploding near some sheds and causing many fires. The motor transport convoy was successfully machine-gunned.

The town of Petrich was also raided by our bombers but full results could not be observed owing to smoke from numerous fires in the area.

### RUMANIA STOPS OIL SUPPLIES TO TURKEY

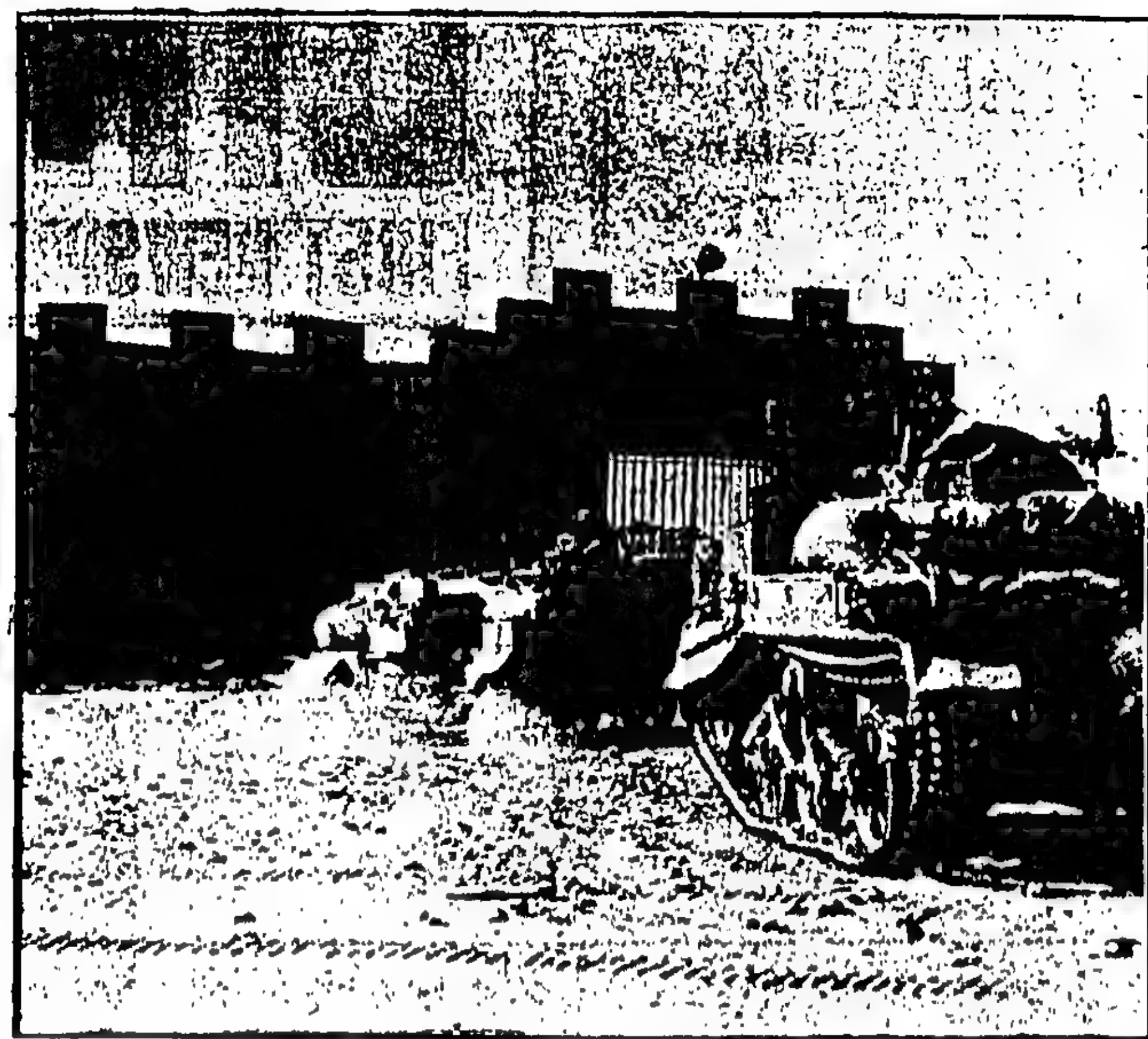
Rumanian oil companies have stopped deliveries of lubricating oil to Turkey, reports the Istanbul correspondent of the Independent French Agency.

The action is said to have been taken because the entire production is absorbed by home needs.—Reuter.

### MEXICO'S GESTURE

THE MEXICAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SENT A MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY WITH GREECE AND YUGOSLAVIA TO THE MEXICAN CONSUL-GENERAL IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

The message says Mexico has no diplomatic relations with Greece and Yugoslavia but an official link is not required by two peoples for one to feel moved when the other is dragged into a conflict for the development of which it has no blame.—Reuter.



British Bren gun carriers beside the battered wall of Fort Capuzzo. Many of the troops who took part in the Libyan operations are now in Greece. (Copyright, Fox).

## SOFIA RAILWAY STATION BLOTTED OUT

"I SHOULD NOT LIKE TO HAVE BEEN ANYWHERE NEAR SOFIA RAILWAY STATION ON SUNDAY NIGHT, AS THE NEIGHBOURHOOD OF THE RAILWAY JUNCTION MUST HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY UNHEALTHY," SAID ONE OF THE R.A.F. PILOTS ON RETURN FROM THE RAID ON SOFIA.

He continued: "One stick of bombs from our aircraft scored direct hits on the tracks and we saw trucks being hurled into the air."

"It was good bombing all right. We were not the only ones to score because we saw a continuous white glow where the station buildings of Sofia should have been when we arrived."

"My navigator was saved much trouble by the fires which guided us to our target. It was a small edition of the fires which burn every night in the Ruhr."

"The front gunner put paid to the crews of a couple of searchlights and an anti-aircraft gun before we got down to business."

#### Crack At Convoys

"Anti-aircraft fire was pretty intense but we got to our targets all right, bombed and stayed to watch the results."

"Then we had a crack at convoys on the road down the Struma Valley, machine-gunning them. After that we made for home."—Reuter.

### LEOPOLD'S BIRTHDAY

KING LEOPOLD OF THE BELGIANS, WHOSE BIRTHDAY OCCURRED YESTERDAY, IS DESCRIBED AS "OUR PRISONER KING" IN AN ORDER OF THE DAY ISSUED TO HIS TROOPS BY GENERAL VAN STRIJDOCK DE BURKEL, COMMANDER OF THE BELGIAN FORCES IN GREAT BRITAIN.

He urges his men to "work, train ourselves and prepare for victory. We shall chase the Boche, we shall deliver our King, we shall free Belgium who will rise again great, united and prosperous."—Reuter.

## BERLIN NOT SURPRISED

The German view of the rupture of Anglo-Hungarian diplomatic relations was given by a Wilhelmstrasse spokesman quoted by the German radio yesterday.

He described it as a "flight before events which was bound to happen one day."

Replying to a question the spokesman declared Turkey was not part of the Balkans and that as far as Berlin was aware nothing had changed in German-Turkish relations since the exchange of messages between Hitler and the Turkish President.—Reuter.

## SOVIET UPSETS BERLIN

The Soviet-Yugoslav Pact made a great impression in Berlin.

Political circles there are excitedly speculating on the reason for the Russian action, which is "hardly likely to give Berlin an impression that Russia is particularly friendly," states the Berlin correspondent of the "Stockholm Tidningen."—Reuter.



# Fifty German Submarine Officers Now Prisoners

## ADMIRALTY HINT OF LOSSES AMONG U-BOATS

OVER 50 GERMAN U-BOAT officers, including one of Germany's ace commanders, and considerably more than 400 German petty officers and men, are prisoners of war.

These figures are given in an Admiralty communique issued yesterday which adds that the number of U-boats operating has lately been large, and British counter-measures have recently met with correspondingly greater success.

## MASTERY OF AIR IN LIBYA

Aircraft of the R.A.F. and the Royal Australian Air Force in Cyrenaica have been operating continuously for the past week, covering the concentration of Imperial troops in their new positions and harassing the enemy's lines of communication, says yesterday's Middle East communique.

The communique adds our bombers raided aerodromes in the neighbourhood of Benghazi and, assisted by fighters, attacked enemy motor transport and troop concentrations ceaselessly. Detailed reports are not available but during one day alone our fighters shot down 14 enemy aircraft, believed to be German, without loss to themselves. On another day four enemy aircraft were destroyed, again without the loss of a British plane.—Reuter.

## EFFECTIVE RAID ON KOMBULCHA

Yesterday's R.A.F. communique in Nairobi stated that further details of the South African air raid on Kombulcha on Sunday show that our fighters destroyed ten enemy aircraft dispersed at the aerodrome and damaged others of all types.

In addition, our fighter escort shot down two CR42's at Kombulcha, where another enemy aircraft taking off was also damaged and another taxiing on the runway destroyed.

Other bombers secured direct hits on aerodrome buildings at Dessle and several heavy bombs were dropped on a motor transport park north of the buildings. Motor transport on the Dessle road was attacked by bombers and fighters and several lorries were also attacked.—Reuter.

## SHOCK FOR BERLIN

THE "STOCKHOLM SVENSKA" REFERRED YESTERDAY TO GREECE'S EFFORTS TO FEEL CONVINCED OF ITALY'S PEACEFUL INTENTIONS LAST SUMMER AND GREECE'S PERSISTENCE NOT TO PROVOKE ITALY, WHICH WAS INTERPRETED BY MUSSOLINI AS A SIGN OF WEAKNESS.

But, instead of marching to Athens, the Italian forces have been compelled to withdraw with heavy losses.

The Yugoslav coup aroused the same astonishment in Berlin as Greek resistance aroused in Rome. Axis successes in diplomatic relations with small countries led them to underestimate the national will of such countries. Reuter.

## GERMANY SENDS NEW NOTE TO U.S.

Germany has sent a new Note to the United States reinforcing her protests against the seizure of German merchantmen, according to an announcement by Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, in Washington yesterday, says Reuter.

## AMERICAN PROMISE TO YUGOSLAVIA

President Roosevelt has cabled King Peter of Yugoslavia, assuring him of all possible material aid for Yugoslavia.

The President's message says: "The people of the United States were profoundly shocked by the unprovoked and ruthless aggression of the people of Yugoslavia."

The President expresses admiration of the "courageous self-defence of the Yugoslav people, constituting one more shining example of their traditional bravery."

He added: "As I assured Your Majesty, the United States Government will speedily furnish all material assistance possible, in accordance with its existing statutes."

"I SEND YOUR MAJESTY MY MOST EARNEST HOPES FOR SUCCESSFUL RESISTANCE TO THIS CRIMINAL ASSAULT UPON THE INDEPENDENCE AND INTEGRITY OF YOUR COUNTRY." REUTER.

## TEN NORWEGIANS ARRESTED

Ten Norwegians arrested at Svolvær after the Lofoten Islands raid are said to be among the first prisoners sent to the German concentration camp at Oslo, according to the Norwegian telegraph agency in London yesterday quoted by Reuter.

## MR. MATSUOKA NOT EXACTLY LUCKY

THE "O JOURNAL" of Rio de Janeiro says Mr. Matsuoka was not particularly lucky. The very day he arrived in Berlin the adhesion of Yugoslavia to the Axis was one of the main features of the Nazi triumph to be presented the illustrious visitor, but was converted into a smashing defeat.

Mr. Matsuoka cannot have failed to notice the disconcerting effect of the turnabout on the whole political and strategic plans of the Axis in the Balkans.

After this deception the Japanese diplomat set a course for Italy and the same day he arrived among streamers and songs of joy in Rome, the Fascist fleet suffered a tremendous defeat in the Ionian Sea.

MR. MATSUOKA'S MISSION CAN HAVE A DEFINITE RESULT FOR THE AXIS ALLIANCE IN THE SENSE OF DENUDING IT OF ANY PRACTICAL EFFECT.

Ever keen and intelligent, the Japanese will at the right moment call the pacifist group into the Government, and Admiral Yonai, former President of the Council and known friend of the United States and England, will return, perhaps as head of the Cabinet, which will rid itself of compromises which no longer correspond to the interests of the Japanese Empire.—Reuter.

we sustain must be expected. In Anti-U-boat warfare it is frequently impossible to save life and we have record of many U-boats that have been destroyed from which no prisoners were recovered. — British Wireless.

### Italians Also

The High Command in December claimed he was the first commander to exceed 250,000 tons of sunk tonnage and that his latest sinkings included the destroyer, H.M.S. Daring.

The British Admiralty communique ends by saying there are also a number of Italian U-boat prisoners in British hands.

### No Guidance

As no guidance is given of the number of U-boats sunk without trace, and as many of the prisoners may be only a proportion of the crews, the Admiralty figures do not make it possible to calculate how many U-boats have been sunk.

The normal complement of German submarines varies from 23 in the coastal type to 35 and 40 in the ocean-going type. — Reuter.

### Vigour Of Offensive

The Admiralty communique states that our offensive against U-boats continues with ever-increasing vigour. As has been pointed out fluctuations in the success of our anti U-boat campaign and in merchant ship losses which

## ANGLO-AMERICAN NAVAL LIAISON

THE UNDER-SECRETARY of the United States Navy, Mr. James Forrestal, is leaving for Britain on a visit in about a fortnight "to establish close liaison" between the Navy Department and the British Admiralty on matters connected with the Lease and Lend Programme.

In making this announcement in Washington yesterday, Col. Frank Knox, Secretary of Navy, said the Navy Department was handling purchases of material in the United States for the British Navy under the Lease and Lend Act, and was also undertaking repairs to British warships.

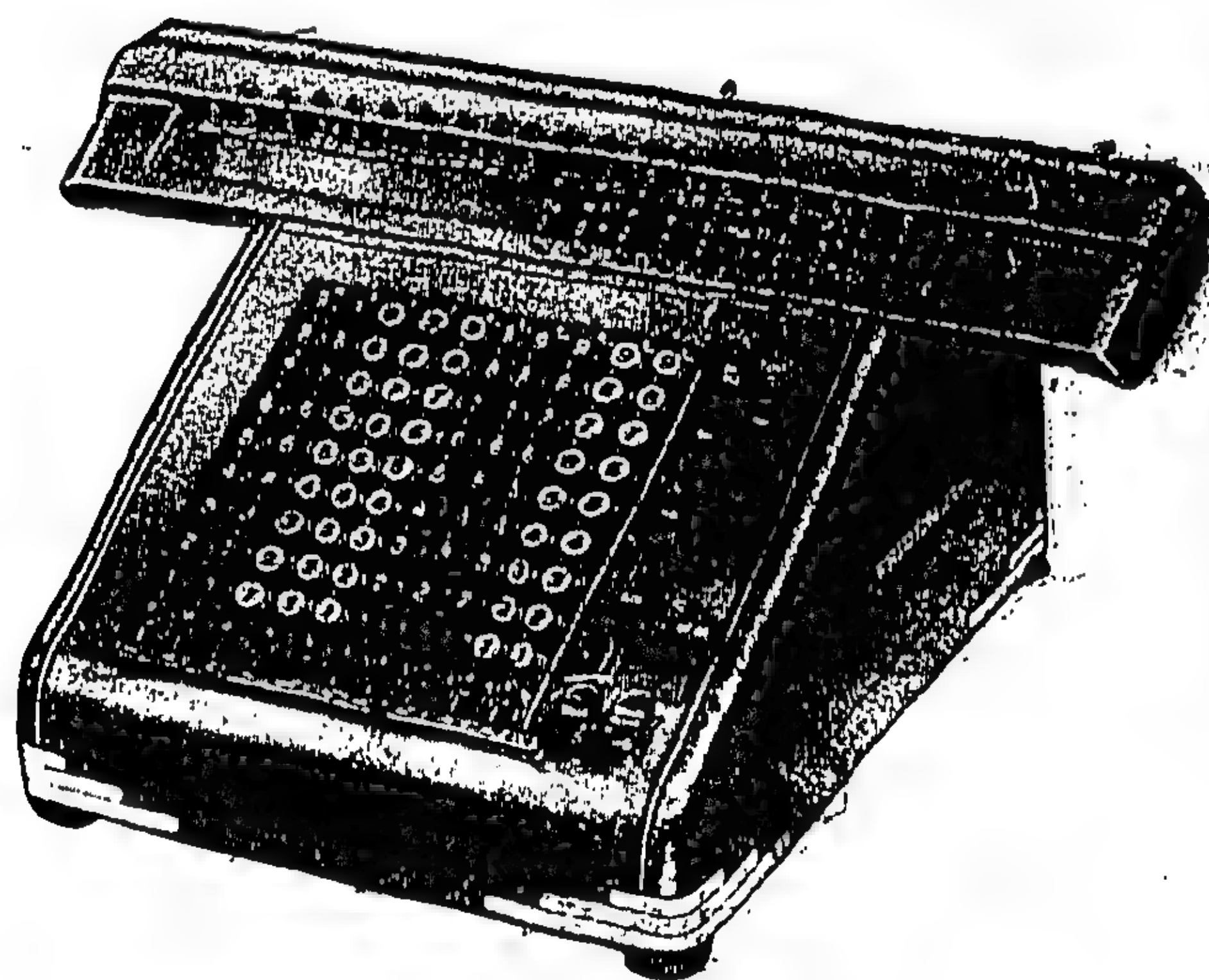
"Efforts are being made very rapidly to establish suitable uniformity in naval equipment,"

added Col. Knox, who explained the object was to expedite purchases and repairs.

One of the chief purposes of Mr. Forrestal's trip to Britain, according to naval circles, would be to see if some method could be found by which the British could use more American naval weapons and other equipment not standard in the Royal Navy.—Reuter.

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## JUGGLING WITH FIGURES

How Germany juggles with figures in her propaganda war against British shipping is exposed by a survey of German claims for March, made in authoritative quarters in London.

German day to day claims, as pointed out, are the most exaggerated. The sum of these is always greater than each "total" issued by the Nazis.

For example, figures for the third week of the Battle of the Atlantic total 387,000 tons, while the day to day figures add up to 422,000 tons.

In the second week, when no weekly total was claimed, the day to day figure was 185,000 tons.

Similarly the sum of the weekly figures broadcast to all countries is greater than the monthly total given. For example, the monthly total for March, 718,000 tons, is equalled by the weekly totals for the first, third and fourth weeks only, over 717,000 tons.

The 185,000 tons claimed day by day in the second week never appears again.

Lastly, as part of the war of nerves against Britain, figures given in broadcasts to England are always higher than those cited elsewhere.—Reuter.

## GERMAN RAID ON ULSTER

The following joint communique was issued by the Ministry of Public Security for Northern Ireland and H.Q. R.A.F., Northern Ireland:

"The following additional information is available about the enemy air attack on an area in Northern Ireland on Monday night.

The attack was carried out by small forces of bombers and went on intermittently during the small hours of the morning.

A heavy barrage of A.A. fire was maintained by the ground defence and one enemy bomber was shot down.

A number of fires was started but the majority were extinguished by morning. The number of casualties was small but unfortunately a few were fatal." — British Wireless.

## U.S. NAVAL AIR ATTACHE

Major James McHugh, Assistant U.S. Naval Air Attache in Chungking, has been promoted Naval Air Attache to the Embassy, it is officially announced by the U.S. Embassy. He succeeds Capt. John M. Creighton. — Reuter.

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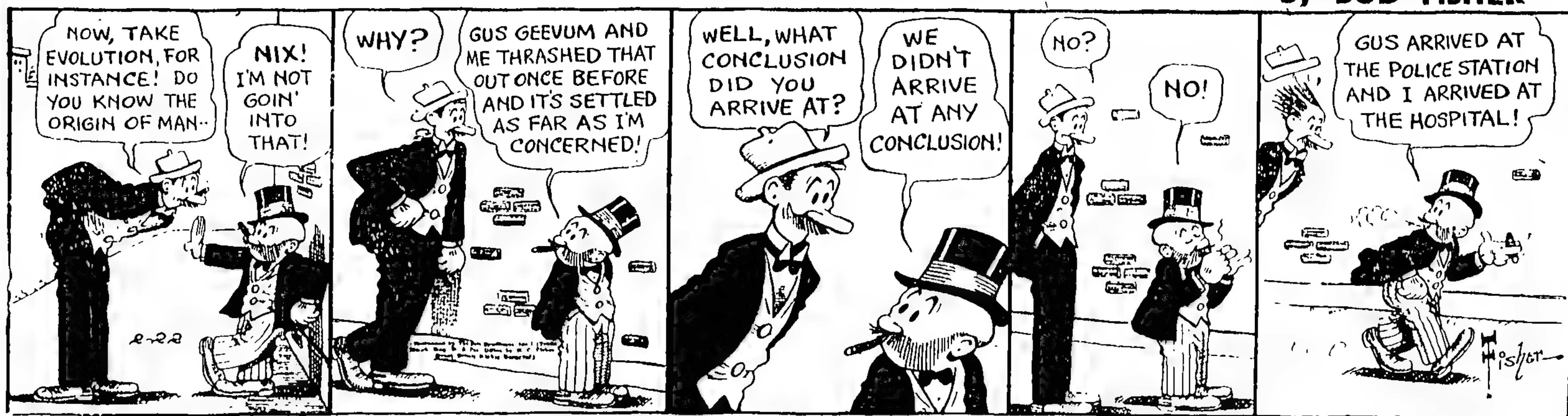
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CHINA  
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"China is as determined to see things through until complete victory for Democratic civilisation as Britain and America can be," declared the Chinese Ambassador, Mr. Quo Tai chi, in London yesterday.

Mr. Quo added: "And no one can doubt that the Chinese people are determined to see things through until complete victory for Democratic civilisation as Britain and America can be." The Ambassador was making his last public appearance in London before his return to China to become Foreign Minister.

He was speaking at the Anglo-Chinese Luncheon in aid of the Red Cross Fund and the China War Relief Fund.

The returning Ambassador will be succeeded by Dr. Wellington Koo, and remarked that he intended his journey to China to be a journey of peace.

## Lot In Common

Mr. Quo said Britain and China had a lot in common.

"The British and Chinese are supposed to be a bit hard to know. The British are supposed to be phlegmatic and the Chinese inscrutable but when we come to know each other, responsiveness in human kindness is found to be the chief trait."

Britain and China had a lot to learn from each other, though some said they were the two most satisfied and self-sufficient peoples mankind had ever known and the least inclined to think they could learn anything from anybody else. — Reuter.

ITALIAN  
AIRMEN  
CAPTURED

Many Italian airmen were taken prisoner when the British and Imperial troops occupied Addis Ababa, according to an official communique issued in Nairobi yesterday.

The communique states that following up the leading elements which entered Addis Ababa late the previous evening, South African, East African and West African troops occupied the city on April 6 (Sunday).

There were no incidents, the Italian officials handing over the town with its essential services intact.

A considerable number of prisoners, including many airmen, was taken. Operations in this area continue and the enemy are being followed up on all fronts. — Reuter.

SOVIET AND OIL  
FOR GERMANY

The Minister of Economic Warfare stated in the Commons that information shows very little if any oil has reached Germany from Russia since March 1 but it is premature to draw conclusions that this traffic has been stopped. — British Wireless.

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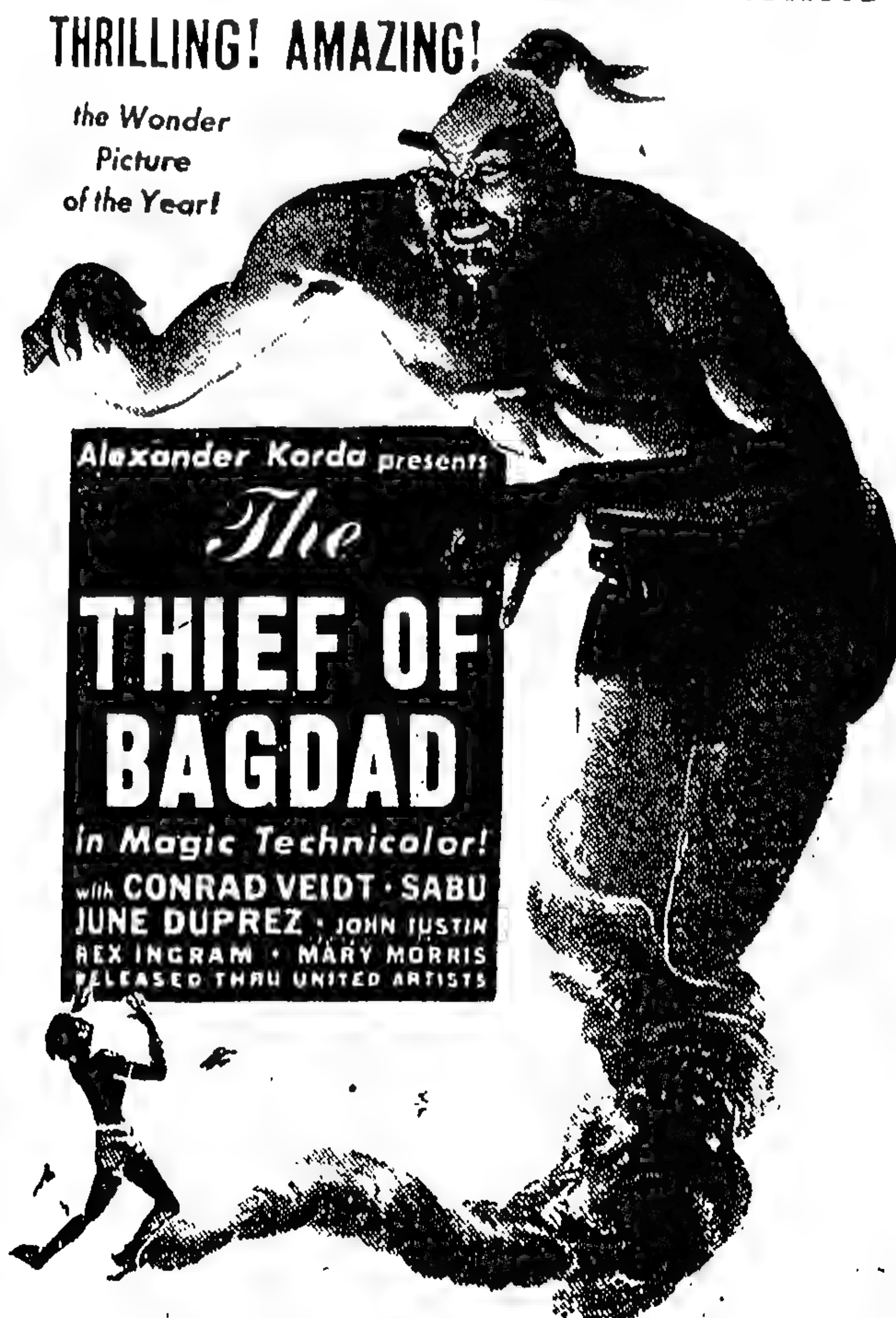
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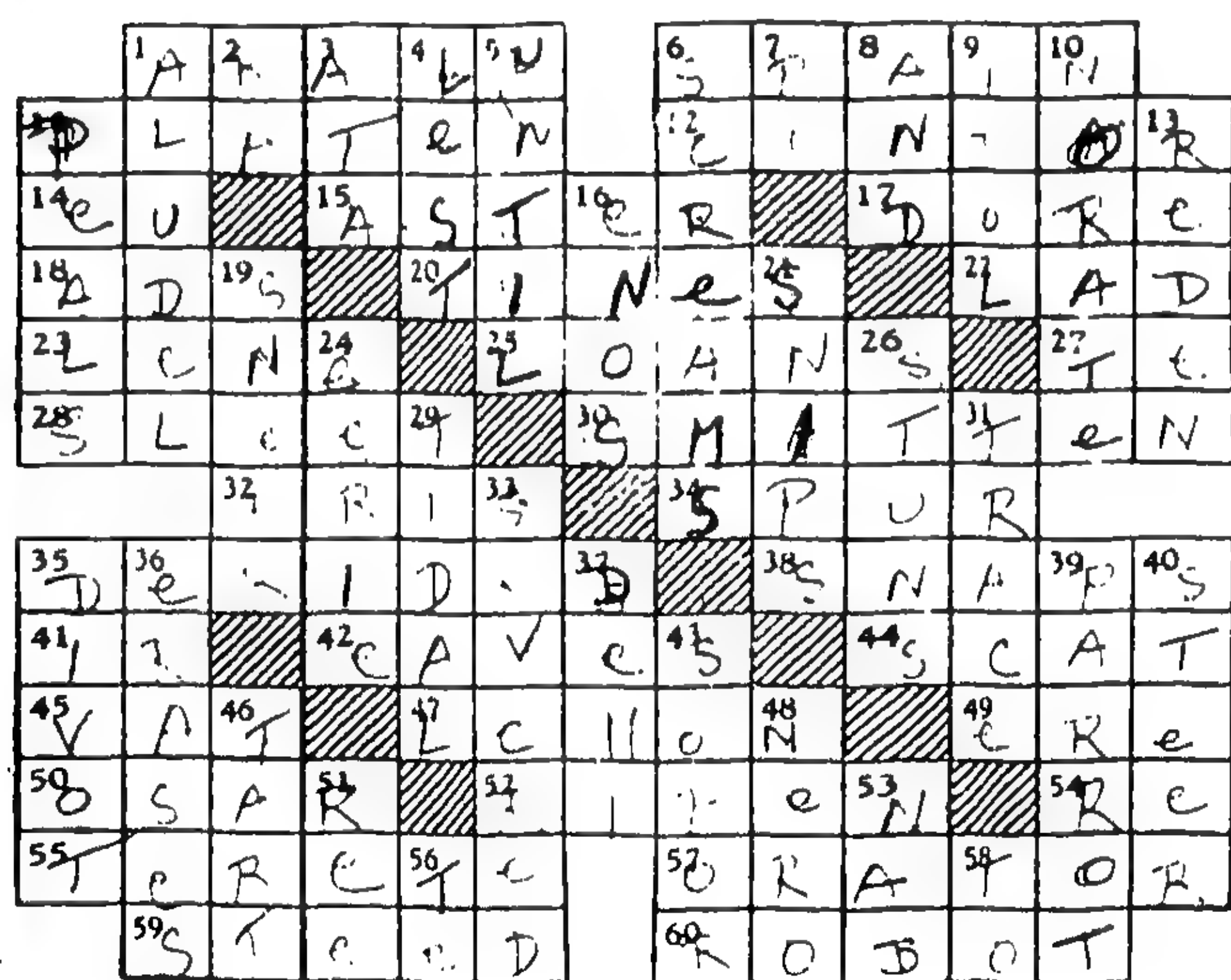


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- 6 European country
- 11 Part of a printing-press
- 12 Large vulture
- 14 Prefix: good
- 15 Flower
- 17 French artist
- 18 Paid notices
- 20 Prongs
- 22 Youth
- 23 Smooth consonant
- 25 Lends
- 27 Symbol for tantalum
- 28 Frozen rain and snow
- 30 Struck
- 32 Goddess of discord
- 34 To grieve
- 35 Mocked
- 38 Breaks suddenly
- 41 Symbol for iridium
- 42 Roof edges
- 44 Go away!
- 45 Large tub
- 47 Citrus fruit

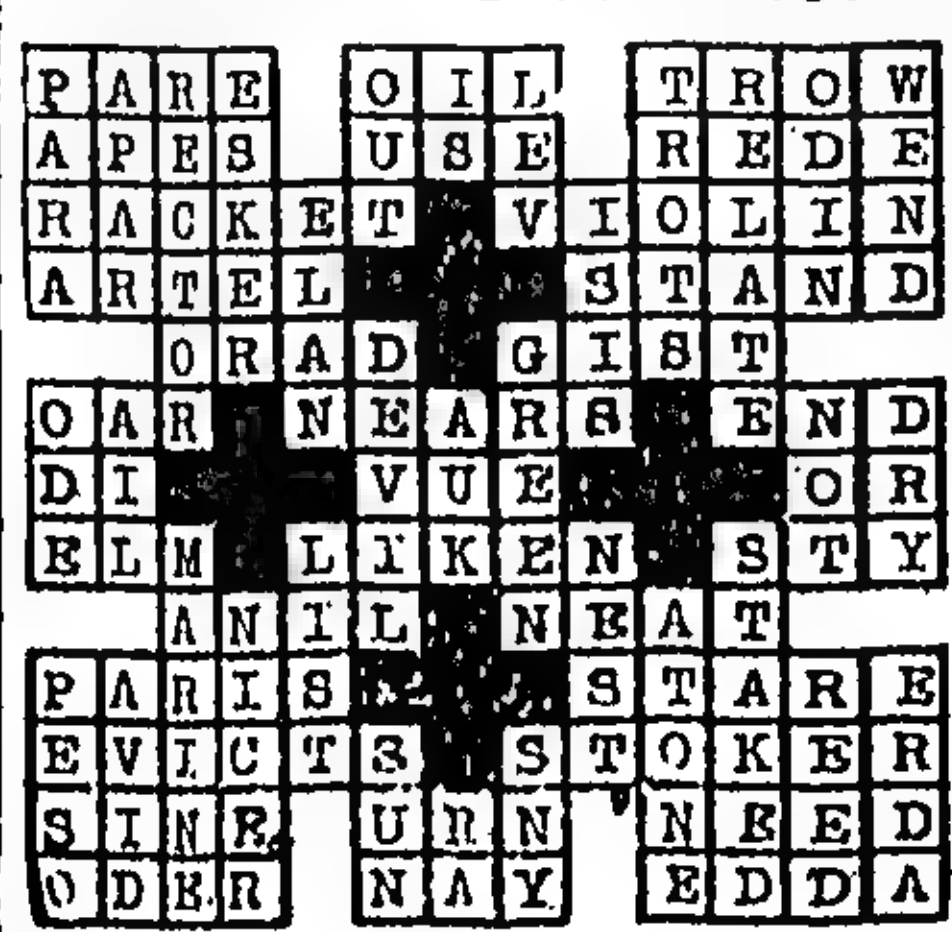
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- 2 Sun god
- 3 Philippine savage
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## 6 Yells shrilly

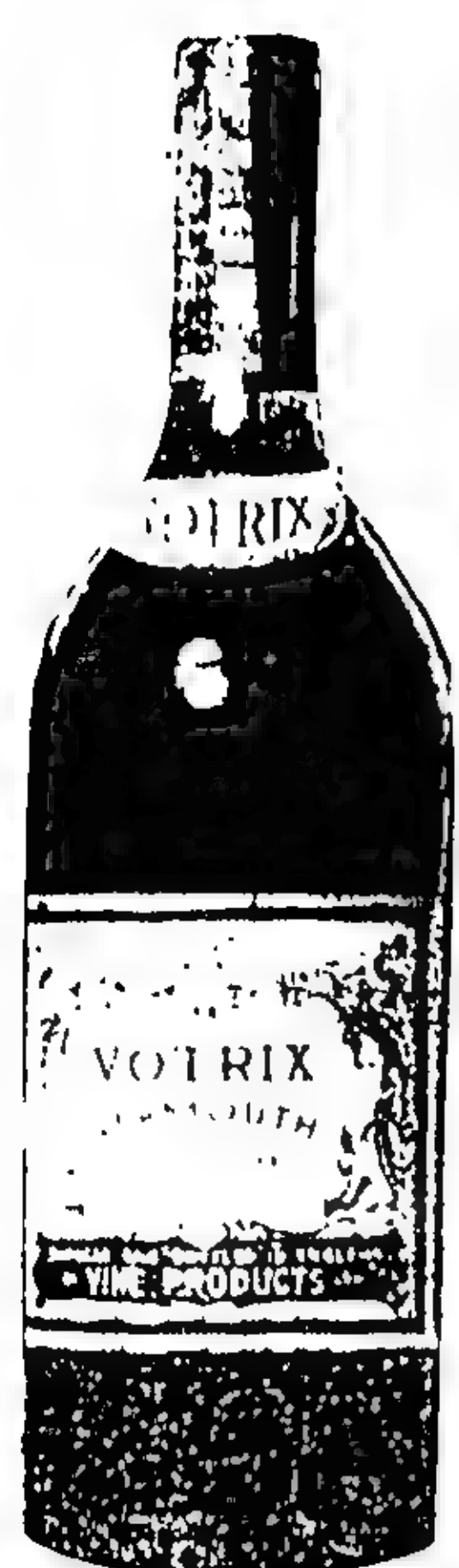
- 7 Italian river
- 8 Conjunction
- 9 Image
- 10 To spread by report
- 11 Rings
- 13 Part of a fortress
- 16 Man's name
- 19 To scoff
- 21 Cuts
- 24 Strange
- 26 Stupor
- 29 Pertaining to a current
- 31 Vestige
- 33 Cleaved asunder
- 35 Piece of turf
- 36 Rubs out
- 37 Prefix: half
- 39 Imitative person
- 40 To guide
- 43 Sleep
- 46 Sharp
- 48 Roman emperor
- 51 Female ruff
- 53 To seize
- 56 Symbol for tellurium
- 58 Toward

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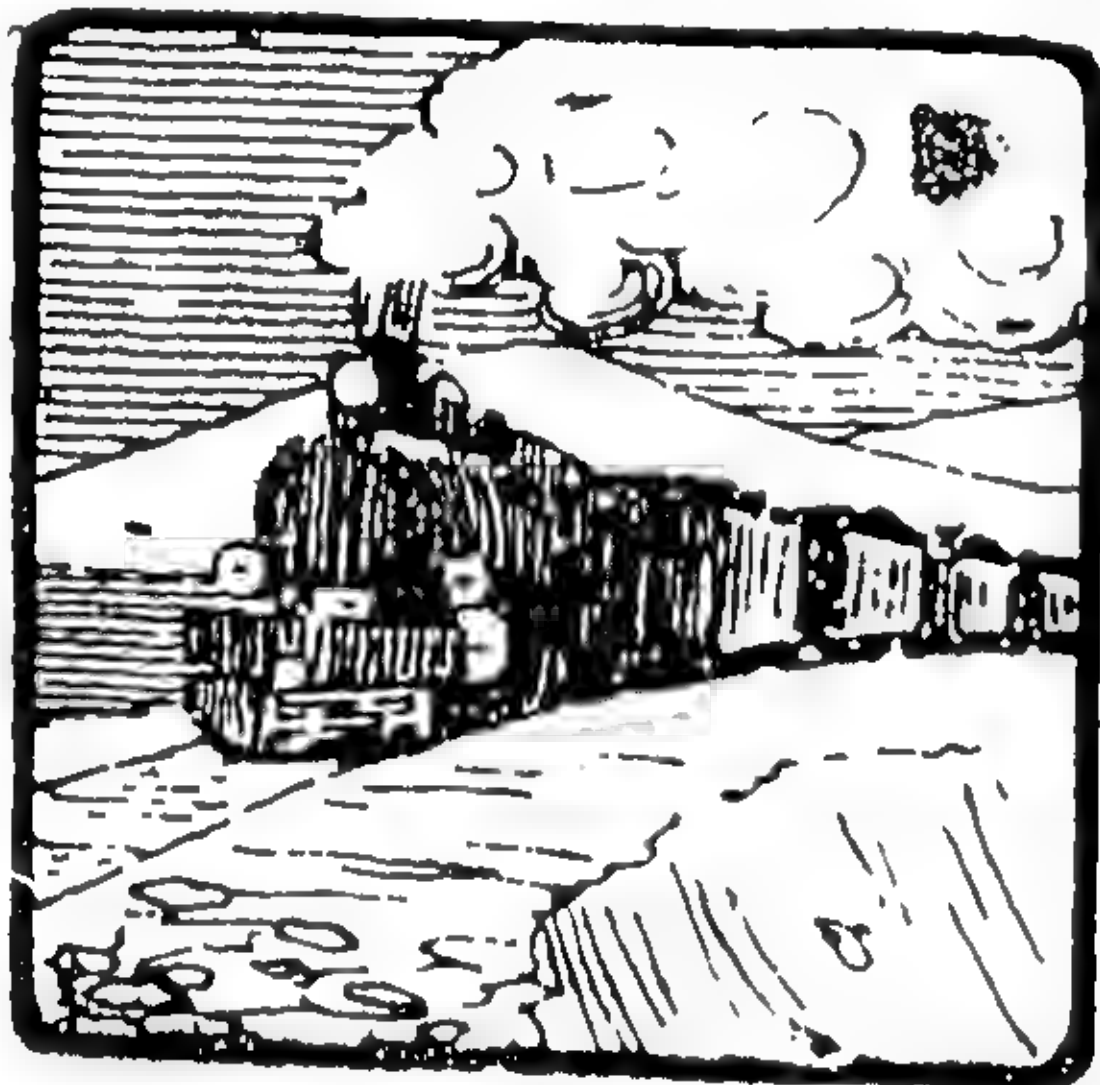
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# C. IN C. FAR EAST AND ESSENTIALS OF HONG KONG DEFENCE

"ALTHOUGH MUCH still remains to be done, much has been and is being achieved," says Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, in a press communique issued this morning relative to Hong Kong's defences.

Sir Robert, who is the Commander-in-Chief, Far East, stresses that no place can be considered adequately protected unless every man and woman takes his or her full share in active or passive defence.

Since my last visit in January, munitions to places more hardly pressed.

Remember that people in England are on strict rations of such things as sugar, tea, butter and jam; that women and children are being subjected to more than mere discomfort by air attacks.

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### Share In Sacrifice

Here is a question that everyone should be continually asking himself or herself: Is there any more that I can do to help on the war effort? No nobler cause than that for which the British Empire is now fighting has ever inspired mankind.

Let us ensure that we go to sleep each night secure in the knowledge that during the day, we have made our full contribution towards the struggle, confident that should the call come we shall not be found wanting, believing that when the final triumph over the forces of evil has been achieved we shall be able to rest content in the knowledge that as we shared in the toil and sacrifice so we are entitled to share in the glory of victory."

## JO'BURG RIOTS REPORT

The Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the riots at Johannesburg on January 31 and February 1 last, in which thousands of civilians, soldiers and police were involved following a speech by the leader of the extreme Republican Ossewabrandwag organisation, has now been published in Capetown.

It recommends that the military authorities must take adequate precautions to prevent disorders when soldiers are on leave and severely punish participants in such disorders.

In order to restore public confidence in the police force and obviate further dissension within its ranks, all signs of distinction between members of the force should be removed.

The effective strength of the police force should be increased and severe disciplinary measures taken against those members of the force who disobeyed orders or committed unnecessary acts of violence.

Closer cooperation between the military, police, civil guards and civilian protection services should be established.—Reuter.

### H.K.'S NEW POLICE COMMISSIONER

Hong Kong's new Commissioner of Police, Mr. J. P. Pennefather-Evans, who was met and welcomed by Mr. C. G. Perdue, Acting Commissioner of Police, and Mr. L. H. C. Callhrop, Superintendent of Police, has now arrived in the Colony.

### Navy Won't Rest

Admiral Cunningham and his men are not going to rest content with sinking three cruisers and after the Italian fleet has been disposed of there will remain many German ships to be sunk or otherwise destroyed.

Hard fighting awaits us in Greece and our aeroplanes do not yet fly unmolested on the Rhine.

This is no time to put on our coats, as the President of the USA said a few days ago, this is no part time war; until we have eradicated Hitler and his gangsters, and so saved the world from disaster, we may not rest nor relax.

### Hong Kong's Defences

Hong Kong threatens no one, nor did Yugo-Slavia.

Strength is the only guarantee against aggression and with the world as it is to-day, only the strong have friends.

The only way that we can ensure against attack in Hong Kong is to convince any would-be attacker that such an operation would be too costly.

Our first duty, therefore, is to ensure that all defence preparations are so maintained as to be ready at any moment to work at the highest degree of efficiency. The defences are already strong much has been done and all credit is due to those responsible, but we must never rest satisfied with the stage that the preparations have reached.

What everyone must remember is that defence is not the concern merely of a Navy, an Army and an Air Force. No place can be considered as being adequately protected unless every man and woman takes his or her full share in active or passive defence.

During my two visits to Hong Kong I have been very pleased to find that the civil and military authorities are in full cooperation and that all sections of the community are working together admirably.

### Aid To Empire

Secondly, we must ensure that every possible contribution is being made to assist other parts of the Empire and our Allies and that every resource available locally is being used to its fullest extent. Here again much is being done and I was very pleased to see on my arrival a new ship already launched.

Thirdly, we must reduce by every possible means demands for shipping tonnage to leave it free for conveyance of food and

## GRAVE LEAK IN BLOCKADE

Striking allegations about trade between France and the colonies were made by the Liberal M.P., Mr. Geoffrey Mander, in the House of Commons yesterday.

In a question he suggested that weekly crossings between France and Africa average 70, that ships pass Gibraltar from Dakar, Morocco, Indo-China and Antilles largely unchallenged, and that imports between October and February amounted to many tons of wine, meat, grain, peanut oil, fruit, fish, sugar, rum and cocoa.

He wanted to know what the British Government was doing to prevent such articles reaching the enemy.

MR. HUGH DALTON, MINISTER OF ECONOMIC WARFARE, WAS NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT ALL MR. MANDER'S STATEMENT AS ACCURATE BUT CONFESSED THE STATE OF AFFAIRS REFERRED TO GIVE GROUND FOR "GRAVE DISSATISFACTION."

Mr. Dalton added Britain in no degree waived her belligerent rights.—Reuter.

## FORD BREAKS PRECEDENT

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ITS 38 YEARS OF LIFE THE FORD MOTOR COMPANY WILL NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY WITH LABOUR UNION OFFICIALS.

The negotiation will be a result of the strike at the company's gigantic River Rouge plant which is paralysing production.

As a result of the company's decision to negotiate, the Governor of Michigan yesterday issued a statement saying "The new developments towards a settlement of the strike at the Ford Motor Company are encouraging to all parties."—Reuter.

## PALESTINE RATES UP

A 25 PER CENT INCREASE IN RATES HAS BEEN DECIDED ON BY THE JERUSALEM MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

The increase is due to a general desire in Palestine to ease the burden on the British taxpayers, who contribute grants towards the expense of Palestine municipalities.

The drastic provisions of the British Budget greatly impressed all quarters in Palestine, and the higher rate was announced subsequent to publication of the British Budget figures.—Reuter.

### POPE'S EASTER BROADCAST

The Pope will broadcast a short message on Easter Sunday, at midday (Greenwich Time) before giving the Benediction, "Urbi et Orbi."—Reuter.

Reports that the Pope will broadcast on Easter Sunday a plan for world peace which he discussed with Mr. Matsuo last week, are disposed of by a statement from the Vatican wireless that "this year the Holy Father will not come down for any solemn functions in St. Peter's on Easter Sunday."—British Wire- less.



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## BRITAIN'S IRON BUDGET

None could suggest, having studied the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Budget for 1941-42, that the people of Britain have not undertaken with resolute seriousness the task of carrying this war through to a victorious conclusion. Total expenditure in the coming year is estimated at £4,207,000,000, a figure which takes no account of supplies under the Lease and Lend Act, which will themselves probably exceed £1,000,000,000 in value. The meaning is plain: that the scale of Britain's gigantic effort is to be greatly increased; and that the taxpayer must delve even deeper into his pocket.

Sir Kingsley Wood, indeed, gives him little option. The scale of income tax and surtax is raised to a level which a few years ago would have seemed fantastically absurd. The basic rate becomes 10/- in the pound, and in the higher levels of income the taxpayer is permitted the somewhat grim satisfaction of retaining 6d. out of each £1 of his income. Thus, as the Chancellor pointed out, the once wealthy man, with an income of £60,000 per annum, must surrender £55,000 to the Exchequer.

The policy of extracting until it hurts from the wealthy is accompanied, inevitably, by expansion of the scope of collection among lower incomes, leading to the most interesting feature of the whole Budget, the application of the principle of compulsory saving. It will certainly soften the shock to the 45/- a week labourer, "elevated" as it were, to the income tax paying class, to know that he is merely casting his bread (or his beer) upon the waters, and that it will come back to him after many days. The adaptation of Mr. Maynard Keynes' plan has been skilfully devised, for it obviates the setting up of new machinery for collection, at the same time extending the operation of the original scheme. This is vindication of intelligent economic planning indeed.

The spirit in which the Budget has been received is, moreover, as noteworthy as the astronomical total of expenditure. It is proof enough that public opinion will countenance no slackening until victory has been won, and it is proof of national realisation that Germany



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# The Necessary Strategy Of England

By  
Hilaire Belloc

England exists as a commercial state. The country is strong through widely extended exchanges conducted by maritime transport. The exchanges have produced a vast accumulation of wealth which until quite recent times was taken for granted to be permanent and stable. The banking system which handles the wealth and without which it could not be fruitfully used has England itself for habitat, and though it is in the nature of any banking power to throw out a great number of dependant centres the nucleus of the English system is of course the Bank of England.

An Island power socially united more strictly than any rival and thus dependant on commerce must live by sea power. Only by being secure in maritime armament can the nation be sure of its commerce and therefore of its continued wealth. On this account the vital necessity of this country is a fleet powerful

enough to defeat any probable combination against it, and there has been added in the last three generations another all-important argument for sea-power. Food must be imported as well as raw material for manufacture on which depends export and therefore commerce.

To possess a naval instrument thus superior to any probable rival combination it is necessary not only to have superiority in number of ships, and material for their service, but also a large number of men for the crews thereof; further, such numbers are immensely increased in value when they are professional and when all members of the navy—not only officers but men of every rank, including even auxiliary services—are filled with the professional spirit. Modern England has moulded her fighting maritime service upon this doctrine. England has at the present moment as an instrument necessary to her strategical position, therefore, an armed navy (i), numerically overwhelming (ii), professional and therefore enjoying the special strength provided by tradition.

But even in the full appreciation of this necessity for sea-power and in the clearest recognition of that necessity there lurks a danger. This is the danger lest, in providing maritime power England should neglect the absolute necessity of an adequate land-force acting either through allies or through a native army. Too many people in modern England itself question the necessity for such a land-force and therefore argue against the raising and maintenance of the same in time of peace. It is of the first importance for Englishmen if they desire to maintain the security and greatness of their country to recall this neglected principle: the absolute necessity of the land-force working with sea-power, if sea-power is to fulfil its function. There have been periods during the XIX Century when this necessary connection between naval and land forces in the service of a maritime power has been forgotten or so little emphasised as to be neglected. It is to be hoped that such periods will not return. No campaign can be won, at least no campaign on any large scale by sea-power alone and such exaggerated phrases as "Command of the Sea" do a great disservice to the country. Armed superiority at sea is vitally necessary but of itself such superiority is insufficient.

## Eire, Cockpit Of War

A German announcer has stated that it may become necessary for Germany to take steps to "protect" Ireland, as she took steps to "protect" Belgium and Holland.

And you ask me if this shows that I was right in warning Ireland that as soon as Hitler thought that it was to his advantage to invade Ireland he would do so.

Of course I was right. But I am inclined to think that it would not be to Germany's advantage to invade Ireland, as it would certainly not be to Ireland's advantage. For she would then become the cockpit of the war.

You suggest that the matter is one of extreme urgency, "brooking no delay." And you ask if it be not our experience that the Fuehrer makes a promise only a very short time before he keeps it.

My dear Titterton, it is delightful to hear you hold up Herr Hitler as a man of his word. Most of our journalists would say that the Fuehrer makes a promise only a very short time before he breaks it.

The matters IS urgent. But the urgency is on our side, in our food supply. If the U-boats, beat our convoys, or look like beating

them, we MUST re-occupy the Irish ports.

You ask what effect such a step would have on American opinion; and you suggest that the Irish-Americans, isolationist almost to a man, would be very angry.

No! On the contrary, I am sure that America would agree that it was necessary for us to re-occupy the ports. And, if de Valera fights,

By Bernard Shaw

(In an interview with W. R. Titterton)

he will be fighting the Commonwealth, Northern Ireland and the U.S.A., not to mention the Protestants of Eire.

What do I think that Mr. de Valera should do? I think that he should take my advice.

What else can he do except follow the not very encouraging example of Poland?

But it is impossible for anybody in these islands to know just how grave the situation is. As far as we can know, here is the position: If we can do without the Irish ports, we shall do without them.

If we need them we shall take them, and then either Mr. de Valera will take my advice, or he won't, but that is his affair. If Hitler invades Eire he will make a mistake.

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# KIEL DEVASTATED BY HUNDREDS OF BRITISH BOMBERS

SEVERAL HUNDRED BOMBERS ENGAGED ON EACH SIDE IN MONDAY NIGHT'S RAIDS BY THE BRITISH R.A.F. AND THE GERMAN LUFTWAFFE.

The weather over Germany was undoubtedly exceptionally good but the fact remains that on this occasion — as the Germans have themselves admitted — their effort was widely dispersed by the British defences whereas almost the whole of the R.A.F. bomber force engaged in the operations successfully attacked the primary targets.

In the attack on Kiel — at once the Portsmouth and the Clydeside of Germany — aircraft of the Bomber Command carried the heaviest load of bombs ever dropped on Germany in a single night.

A pilot who had a good view of the state in which our aircraft left the port said: "Only way to put out the fires would have been to push the whole place into the sea."

Hundreds of tons of high explosive and over 30,000 incendiaries by that time had done their work. Smoke was drifting not only over the whole town but out to sea.

Docks and shipbuilding yards were completely outlined in red. One mile square in the centre of the town was a single sheet of fire and every moment explosions shook the level wastes of flames.

### Bright Moonlight

In several of the areas attacked, as many of our crew discovered,

it was not easy to find among the fires a vacant black spot on which to drop another bomb.

It was a bright moonlight night and with the weather perfect for bombing only the smoke of fires occasionally obstructed the view from the bomb sight, but this hindered the defences as well for several crews noticed the searchlights were ineffective when dimmed by layers of smoke through which they had to pass.

A strong wind fanned the flames and by the end of the raid it was considered that no fire brigade could hope to control all the fires and many must have been left to burn themselves out.

### Wave After Wave

For five hours our bombers went in over Kiel in wave after wave.

Throughout the first hours of the raid they had to pierce a curtain of A.A. fire from one of the most heavily defended areas in Germany but in the end the very weight and resolution of the attack seemed to bear down the defences and there were significant lulls in the gunfire.

The first wave of bombers soon lit the way for their successors, and Kiel shortly shone like a beacon across Schleswig Holstein and out to sea as far as Heligoland.

As the next waves approached the crews watched the glare split up into a multitude of individual fires and were able to observe yet more detailed signs of destruction.

### Widespread Ruin

Glowing shells of warehouses lined the waterfront, huge buildings wholly enveloped in flames stood out amidst the general conflagration.

The submarine building yards had evidently suffered greatly. A huge building in the Deutsche-werke shipyards was seen to collapse and in the town itself ruin was almost as widespread as in docks — British Wireless.

### PUPPET TAX MAN'S ESCAPE

Chen Feng-hui, official of the puppet Consolidation Tax Bureau in Shanghai, narrowly missed death yesterday when he was fired at by a gunman in Weihai-wei Road while waiting for a bus. A bullet grazed his forehead but did not hurt him otherwise. The gunman escaped. — Central News.

### COOLIES FINED

For boarding a ship in harbour without permission of the master, eight coolies appeared before Commander J. Jolly at the Marine Court this morning. Sergeant Medley, of the Water Police, stated that the coolies, although warned to keep away, entered the ship for the purpose of gambling.

Defendants were fined \$30 each or one month.

## Burma Rd. Kept Open

IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY, MR. GIBSON ASKED THE FOREIGN SECRETARY WHETHER HE HAD CONSIDERED THE SPEECH MADE IN BERLIN BY MR. MATSUOKA PRAYING FOR A SPEEDY VICTORY FOR GERMANY, AND WHETHER THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAD SENT GENERAL CHIANG KAI-SHEK A MESSAGE OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT ON LINES SIMILAR TO THAT SENT BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

Mr. Gibson further asked what steps the British, Indian and Burmese Governments have taken jointly and severally to keep open the Burma Road in order to aid the Chinese in resisting the aggressor in China.

Replying, Mr. R. A. Butler said that he had seen press reports of Mr. Matsuoka's statement. The British Government's policy was stated on March 20, and it was, he said, already fully understood by General Chiang.

Regarding the Burma Road, Mr. Butler stated that owing to Japanese bombing of the bridges at Mekong and Salween, there had been certain interruption of traffic but repairs have been effected and the road is open to traffic over its entire length. — Central News.

## BULGARIA EXPRESSES SURPRISE!

"All Bulgaria follows with bated breath the war operations in Macedonia," said the Bulgarian Prime Minister, M. Filov, addressing the Sobranje (Parliament) yesterday, according to a Sofia message to the official German news agency.

M. FILOV COMPLAINED OF THE DROPPING OF BOMBS ON BULGARIAN TERRITORY. ALTHOUGH NO BULGARIAN FORCES WERE TAKING PART IN THE OPERATIONS.

He also referred to the signing of the Vienna Pact by the former Yugoslav Premier and Foreign Minister, M. Tsvetkovitch and M. Cincar Markovitch, on March 25, saying the pact established a valuable link between Yugoslavia and Bulgaria, between which countries a pact of eternal friendship had been concluded. — Reuter.

## KUNMING'S HEAVY RAID

Twenty-seven Japanese bombers carried out a devastating raid over Kunming shortly after noon yesterday.

Numerous light and heavy bombs and incendiary bombs were showered over various parts of the city causing three big fires, as a result of which many houses were demolished and burned down.

The British Consulate, the office of the National Red Cross Society of China and several other institutions were damaged.

Yesterday's raid was the first since February 26. — Central News.



# STRUMITZA VALLEY THRUST

Germans Seeking Access To Vardar Valley

## Important Units Shattered By Greek Defenders

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

THE STATEMENT IN THE GREEK OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE THAT THE YUGOSLAVS HAD FALLEN BACK ON THE GREEK LEFT WING, LEAVING IT "UNCOVERED," SUGGESTS THE GERMANS ARE PURSUING THE SAME STRATEGY IN THE BALKANS AS IN FRANCE, WHERE THEIR DRIVE AGAINST THE "HINGE" OF THE FRENCH AND BELGIAN LINES FORCED A WEDGE BETWEEN THE NORTH AND SOUTH ALLIED ARMIES WITH RESULTS WHICH THE WORLD KNOWS.

It would seem that the Germans are now attempting to establish themselves between the Greeks and Yugoslavs by a lateral thrust along the Strumitza Valley which, if successful, would give access to the Vardar Valley.

It might even be pushed to the Albanian borders so as to link up with the Italians.

But conditions in France were very different from those prevailing in Yugoslavia to-day. In France not only were there magnificent roads, which made travel and transport easy, but food and petrol were available at every village and every crossroad.

In southern Serbia the roads are little better than tracks, and both petrol and supplies will have to be carried with the advance.

### The Wedge

Also in France the wedge formed was so wide and strong that it was proof against Allied attempts to cut across it.

In Yugoslavia its width is limited by the capacity of the road, which is indeed small.

The German attempt to have met with some initial success against the Serbs, and in the circumstances this was to be expected.

EXPOSED TO THE WHIRLWIND ATTACK OF NAZI MECHANISED FORCES, INADEQUATELY EQUIPPED WITH ANTI-TANK WEAPONS AND UNABLE TO COUNT ON EFFECTIVE AIR SUPPORT, THE SERBIANS APPEAR TO HAVE HAD A CRUEL BAPTISM OF FIRE.

But they are tough and full of fight, with marvellous recuperative powers. It is therefore too early to attach undue importance

to German claims. Reuter.

### Italian Denial

It was emphatically denied in Rome that Yugoslav troops have occupied Fiume, Zara and Scutari, says Rome radio.

### Germans Wiped Out

Several hundred German troops attempting to move down the Nestos River in rubber boats were caught in the crossfire of Greek forces and wiped out, reports the Athens correspondent of the Independent French agency.

In Monday's fighting the German attacks were held and the Greeks counter-attacked at several points.

THE GERMANS CARRIED OUT WAVES OF ATTACKS LASTING SIX HOURS AGAINST PERFORI FORT. THE GREEKS DEFENDING WERE OUTNUMBERED FIVE TO ONE.

Once the Germans succeeded in getting a foothold in the fort, as the Greek High Command communique states, but they were flung out after a violent struggle.

### Twelve Tanks Destroyed

Three attacks were made against the fort of Rupel, the last of which was particularly heavy. Each time the Germans were forced to withdraw.

Twelve German tanks were destroyed and several prisoners taken when attacks on the fort of Lisse were repulsed, and elsewhere motorised units were wiped out by the Greeks, adds the correspondent.—Reuter.

## NO CHANGE IN HUNGARIAN POLICY

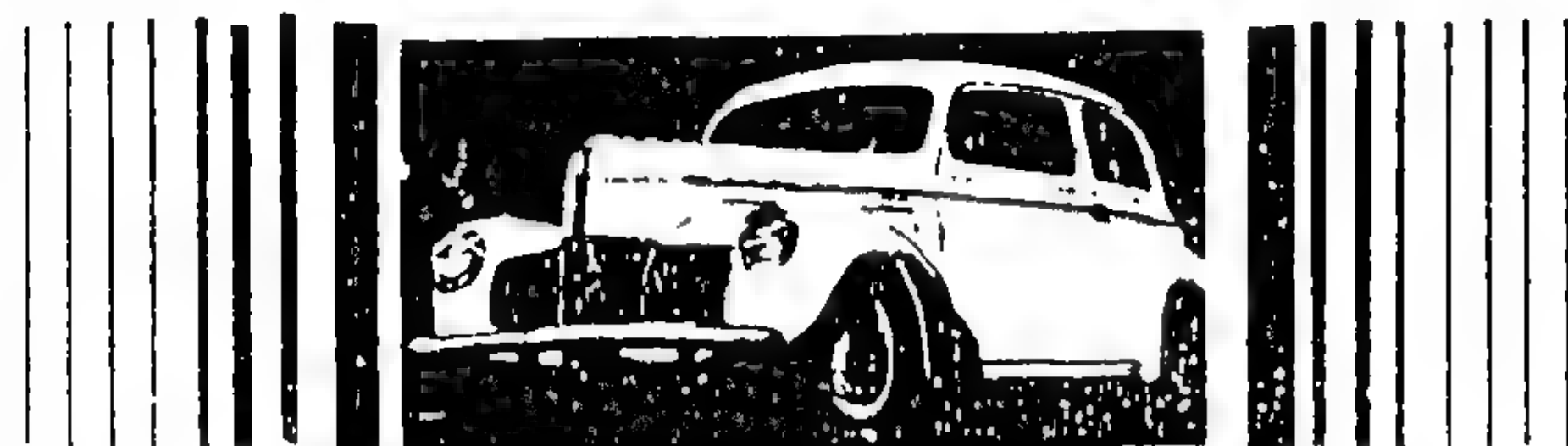
The Hungarian Government will pursue without change the policy of the late Count Teleki, declared the new Prime Minister, Dr. Bardossy, addressing members of the Government Party, according to a Budapest telegram to the official French agency yesterday.

The Minister of Interior in Budapest announced that foreigners now in Hungary can only leave the country by obtaining a special permit. —Reuter.

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## JAPAN'S THREE REQUESTS OF MOSCOW

THE SHANGHAI Correspondent of the local "Ta Kung Pao" cabled last night that according to reports from Moscow, the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Y. Matsuoka, presented the Soviet Government with three requests, one of which was partially confirmed.

The three requests reported are:—

(a) The Soviet to maintain the status quo along the Manchurian border in the event of hostilities breaking out in the Pacific;

(b) The Soviet to cease assisting China; and

(c) The Soviet to allow military supplies to be conveyed,

without interference, through Soviet territory from Germany to Japan.

The Correspondent adds that reports have it that the Soviet rejected the first and second requests and explained, the Soviet would not interfere with "common goods" being transported through Soviet territory.

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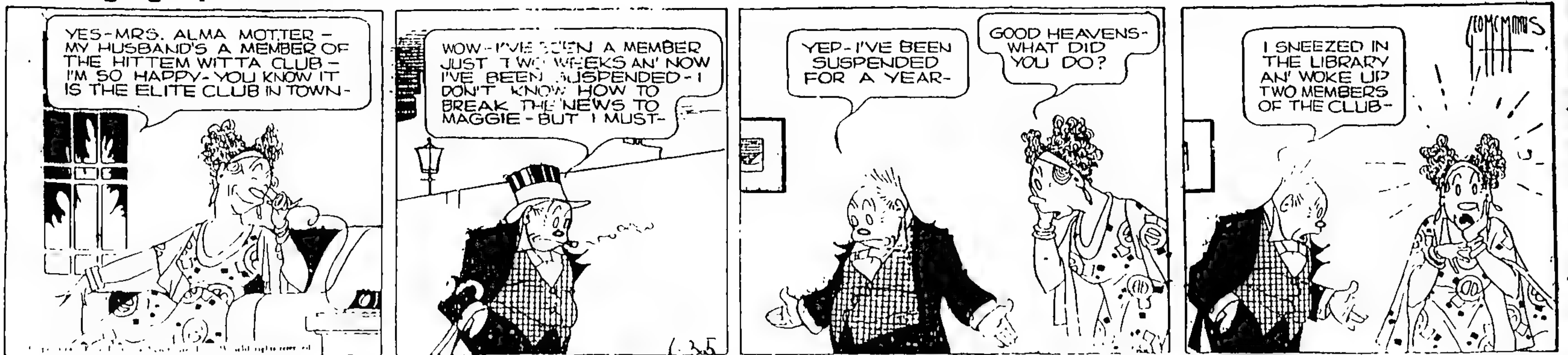






## Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN

# Lighter Fingernail Polish

If you do not like the old crackle or nail polish, or a color in your life object to them, you may still be on the fence with one of the lighter shades. In fact you gained by one of our criteria the more delicate shades of polish and always wear them.

The two women are none other than the Duchess of Windsor and Mrs. Harrison Williams, each photographed, society woman of New York City. The Duchess is a brunette, Mrs. Williams is a white-blonde (her hair being beautifully prematurely white). So you see there is no hard and fast fashion rule of colors for brunettes and colors for blondes!

Each of these women is extremely chic in their dressing, chic with the maximum of good taste. They both wear their hair coiffed upward away from the face in front, with the back hair set in rolling, swirling waves. No long bobs for them—they realize the shorter hair, dressed high and revealing the ear lobes is far more flattering to women in their forties. Both women also like to wear earrings on occasion.



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1—The old polish was removed with cotton and liquid remover.

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3—Softening cuticle cream was worked around the nail before my right hand was soaked in a small dish of soapy, warm water.

4—Steps 1, 2 and 3 were taken with my left hand.

5—My right hand was dried thoroughly and the cuticle pushed back with a cotton wrapped cuticle stick. An occasional hangnail was lightly trimmed with nippers (I try to avoid hangnails).

6—The under nails was washed

with soapy water and a cuticle stick then hand was scrubbed with small nail brush and dried again.

7—Whitening was put under the nail sparingly. Nail base was applied over entire nail (this is a colorless substance which dries like polish with a sheen).

8—The neutral rose polish was applied from moon to rim evenly.

9—My left hand was completed.

10—A colorless nail polish was painted over the entire nail of

each finger. This prevents chipping and makes the nail smoother. I must admit that I liked looking so refined, after having tested every new colour that has come to my desk. And—here's a tip to all women—my man noticed the change that night and commented favourably on the job! Perhaps you are due for a change too but it is nice to know the other colours are there if we want to pep up our fingers!

## RADIO

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—De Groot and His Orchestra with Richard Tauber (Tenor).

Waldteufel Memories (arr. Finck).

De Groot & His Orchestra: I Want the World to Know (film 'Music for Madame'). To the Land of My Own Romance (V. Herbert).

Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Orchestra: 'Louise'—Selection (Charpentier).

De Groot & His Orchestra: Serenade, Sleep Song (both from film 'Pagliacci'—Leoncavallo).

Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Orchestra: Evensong (Easthope Martin). De Groot & His Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: 'Britain Speaks', J. B. Priestly.

7.30 p.m.—A Chopin Programme.

Impromptu No. 1 in A Flat Major, Op. 29; Impromptu No. 2 in F Sharp Major, Op. 36; Ballade No. 2 in F Major, Op. 38... Alfred Cortot (Piano).

Waltz in C Sharp Minor... Bronislaw Huberman (Violin) with Piano, Scherzo No. 2 in B Flat Minor, Op. 31... Arthur Rubinstein (Piano), Nocturne in F Sharp Major, Op. 15, No. 2... Arthur Rubinstein (Piano).

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—Vaughan Williams—Serenade to Music (specially composed for and dedicated to Sir Henry J. Wood on the occasion of his Jubilee). Sir Henry J. Wood conducting the B.B.C. Orchestra. Soloists: T. Ballie, S. Allen, E. Suddaby, E. Turner, M. Balfour, A. Desmond, M. Brunskill, M. Jarred, H. Nash, W. Widdop, P. Jones, F. Titterton, R. Henderson, R. Easton, H. Williams and N. Allin.

8.17 p.m.—Cesar Franck—Symphony in D Minor.

1st Mov: Lento-Allegro non troppo; 2nd Mov: Allegretto; 3rd Mov: Allegro non troppo... Philadelphia

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9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9.30 p.m.—Humorous & Vocal Variety.

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Intro: One Alone; Who, Indian Love Call; Deep in My Heart Dear, Ten for Two, Lover, Come Back to Me.

Les Allen & His Canadian Catchers with Orchestra. Comedienne: We've Got to Keep Up with the Joneses (Elliott).

Grace Fields with Orchestra. Novelty: Jack Hylton Throws a Party.

Guests: Tommy Handley, Hilda Mundy & Billy Caryl, Peggy Dell, Tom Webster, Jack Barty, Nelson Keys, Freddie Fox, The Swingette with Jack Hylton & His Boys.

Comedienne—One of the Little Orphans of the Storm (film 'Queen of Hearts'). Grace Fields with Orchestra. Comedian—The Bee Song (Blain); Chirrup (Blain)... Arthur Askey with Piano.

9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—Studio—Our letter from Free China.

10.15 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Sleepy Time in Sleepy Hollow; Tiny Little Fingerprints... New Mayfair Dance Orchestra.

Rumba—It's An Old Cuban Custom; Novelty Fox-Trot—Swing Syncopation with a Fork and Spoon... Joe Daniels & His Hot Shots in 'Drum-nasticks'.

Quickstep—Nellie Dean; Slow Fox-Trot—Ida Sweet as Apple Cider... The Six Swingers. Swing Fox-Trots—I Know That You Know; I Cried for You... Benny Goodman Quintet.

Waltz—One Day When We Were Young; Fox-Trot—Honey Chile... Jack Harris & His Orch.

Fox-Trots—There's A Brand New Picture in My Picture Frame; Bewildered... Horace Heidt & His Alerte Brigadiers, Tangos—Nada Mas; Frio... Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.

Fox-Trot—This May Be The Night (from 'My lucky Star')... Henry King & His Orch.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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## WOMEN FOUND ON NIGHT WORK

Fines ranging from \$25 to \$100 were imposed by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning on the managers of five knitting and electric bulb factories in the Shamshuipo district for employing woman workers after 8 p.m.

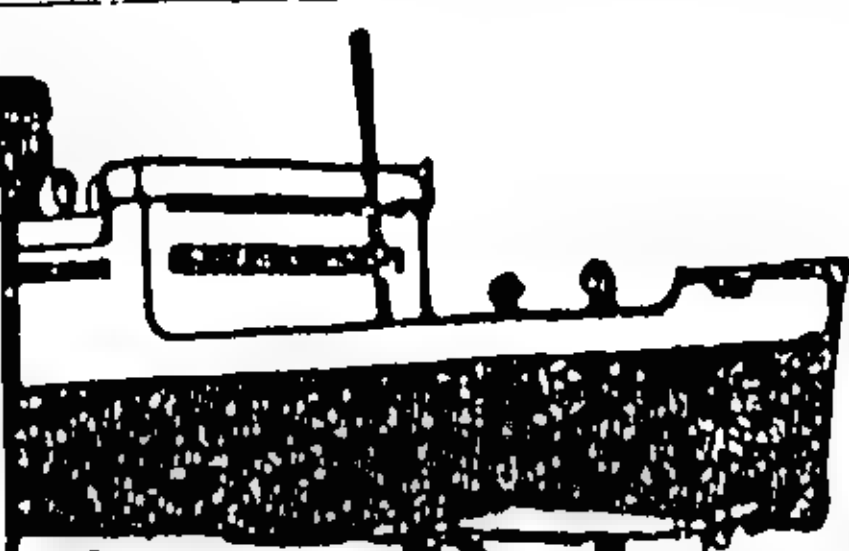
require ship navicerts which will be issued on the usual conditions.—British Wireless.



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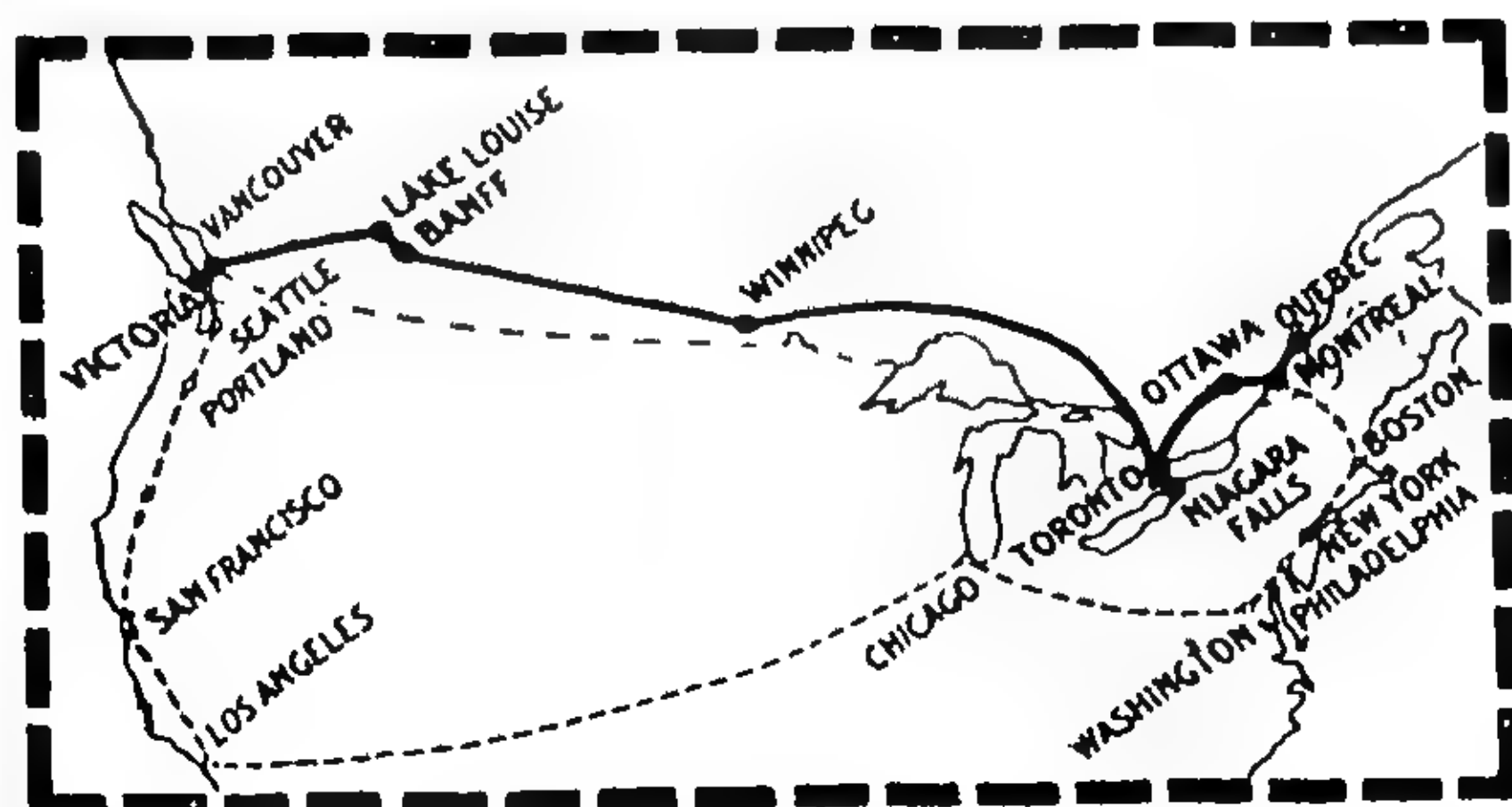
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Following are to-night's con-  
testants in the Army Inter-Unit  
Individual Boxing Championship  
which will be held at Murray Bar-  
racks at 8.30 p.m.

Bantamweight: Pte. Bailey  
(R. Scots) v Pte. Hope (Middle-  
sex).  
Featherweight: L/Cpl. Morley  
(R. Scots) v Pte. Noble (Middle-  
sex) (second string).  
Lightweight: Pte. Cavanagh  
(R. Scots) v L/Cpl. Milroy (Mid-  
dlesex) (first string), Pte. McButt  
(R. Scots) v Dnn Chackfield  
(Middlesex) (second string), Pte.  
Gibb (R. Scots) v Pte. Frenchum  
(Middlesex).  
Welterweight: Sgt. Ritchie (R.  
Scots) v L. Cpl. Eaton (Middle-  
sex) (second string), Pte. Callag-  
han (R. Scots) v Pte. Geist (Mid-  
dlesex) (third string), Pte. Urqu-  
hart (R. Scots) v Pte. Pearson  
(Middlesex) (fourth string).  
Middleweight: L/Cpl. Moore  
(R. Scots) v Pte. Cooper (Middle-  
sex) (first string), Cpl. Cooper  
(R. Scots) v L/Cpl. McGrady (se-  
cond string), Pte. McNally (R.  
Scots) v L/Cpl. Foakes (Middle-  
sex) (third string).  
Light Heavyweight: Pte. Em-  
merson (R. Scots) v Cpl. Fox  
(Middlesex).  
Welter Weight: L/Cpl. McGready  
(R. Scots) v Dnn Major Holford (first  
string).

## EASTER GOLF

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf  
Club starting times for Easter for the  
Shanghai Visitors' Cup.

SUNDAY	
Old Course	
9.20 a.m.	K. S. Morrison, T. J. J. Fow work
9.25	H. H. Munro, K. S. Robert son
9.30	D. I. Bosanquet, J. I. C. Preston
9.35	G. M. Park, C. W. E. Bis- hop
9.40	J. Linaker, J. J. van Mui- ren
9.45	W. Stoker, J. R. Way
9.50	A. W. Bourne, R. Young
9.55	J. Harrop, T. Low
10.00	A. J. S. Key, W. W. C. Shewan
10.05	D. S. Edward, A. J. Dennis
10.10	D. S. Robb, S. L. Lloyd
10.15	B. A. Baker, C. R. For- rest
10.20	A. B. Purves, F. A. Red- mond
10.25	F. A. Howard, T. Megarry
10.30	W. N. A. Smalley, A. D. Humphreys
10.35	H. Overy, W. J. E. Mac- kenzie
10.40	F. D. Hunter, T. A. Pearce
10.45	G. W. Reeve, Col. E. D. Matthews
10.50	J. A. Parrish, W. G. Robert- son
10.55	A. McKellar, I. K. Little- john

## TO-DAY'S SOCCER

Following is to-day's soccer  
programme:

FIRST DIVISION	
Club	v Kwong Wah (Club, 5.00 p.m.)
SECOND DIVISION	
S. China	v Engineers (Caroline Hill, 5.00 p.m.)
THIRD DIVISION	
Engineers	v 24th R.A. (St. Joseph's, 3.00 p.m.)
36th R.A.	v 12th R.A. (Sookunpoo, 3.30 p.m.)

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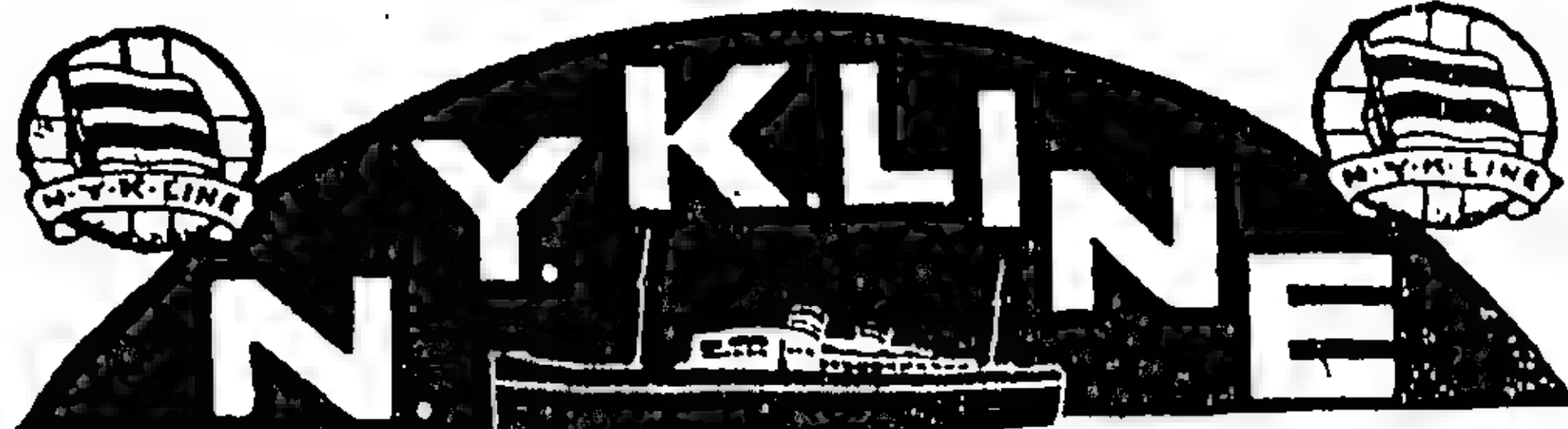
At a meeting of the Hockey  
Association yesterday at the Euro-  
pean Y.M.C.A. it was decided not  
to hold the International Tourna-  
ment this year as Volunteer and  
other duties made it very difficult  
to organise matches.

The Six-a-Side Tournament  
will be held, however. Entries  
will close on April 16. Entries,  
accompanied by a fee of \$2 per  
team, should be sent to Mr. D.  
T. Smith, Hon. Secretary, at the  
Harbour Office.

Sigmn Halstead, Royal Corps of  
Signals, who was reported for  
allegedly insulting a referee dur-  
ing the interval of a League match,  
was censured.

## CHESS RESULTS

A. Y. Birlukoff experienced his  
first defeat in the Colony Junior  
Chess Championship last night  
when he dropped a point to J.  
Tausz. In the only other game  
played, A. Kurik beat E. H.  
Petrov.



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Asama Maru	Tuesday,	15th Apr.
Tatuta Maru	Tuesday,	6th May
Nitta Maru	Tuesday,	20th May

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Hikawa Maru	Monday,	14th Apr.
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Suwa Maru	Saturday,	26th Apr.
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SAIGON

*Matumoto Maru	Thursday,	10th Apr.
*Matue Maru	Thursday,	24th Apr.

BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo

Hakone Maru	Friday,	11th Apr.
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RANGOON & CALCUTTA via Singapore

*Matumoto Maru	Thursday,	10th Apr.
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KOBE & YOKOHAMA

*Azuma Maru	Monday,	14th Apr.
Asama Maru	Tuesday,	15th Apr.
Husimi Maru	Tuesday,	22nd Apr.
Tatuta Maru	Tuesday,	6th May

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# Recreio Aces Trumped By St. Joseph's In League Finale

## Frankie Gonzalez In Brilliant Pitching Form

By "Grandstand"

ST. JOSEPH'S WOUND UP THE SENIOR LEAGUE IN WHIRLWIND FASHION WHEN THEY TRUMPED THE RECREIO ACES FOR A 3-0 CALCIMINING IN A DAZZLING, ERRORLESS DISPLAY, TO ANNEX THE LI KWOK-YING SHIELD AND THE SEASON'S SOFTBALL TITLE WHICH GOES WITH IT.

With the exception of Lino Gosano, who was still on the sick-list, mentor Riri Noronha fielded the identical team which ecstatic scribes last year called the unbeatable team. The Rambling Recs were a wonderful thing—so was the one horse shay until the automobile took it's place!

Yesir, Collegian hurler Frankie Gonzalez just about settled that mythical Recreio jinx once and for all, when he muzzled the Ramblers' artillery, and doled out two measly singles, the only times the Aces placed runners on base, whilst his team mates were collecting seven safeties off moundman Gerry Gosano. But, here's the story.

### Hopes Run High

Inaugurating the initial frame for the Recs, Coco Marques grounded out to Souza, whilst Tony "Peewee" Alves popped out to Ozorio for the first two erasures. Recreio hopes ran high as Zinho Gosano picked one to right, but was left stranded as brother Gerry fled out to deep right.

In the Saints' turn with the hickory, they too were blanked, although "Ozo" Ozorio slashed a single to right and pilfered second, but Dave Leonard grounded out to end the chapter.

In the next canto Jindoo Hussain had his ash into one for a two-bagger, pilfered third, and ambled home as slasher Gerry Gosano threw one into the dill which completely eluded hind snatcher Charlie Figueiredo.

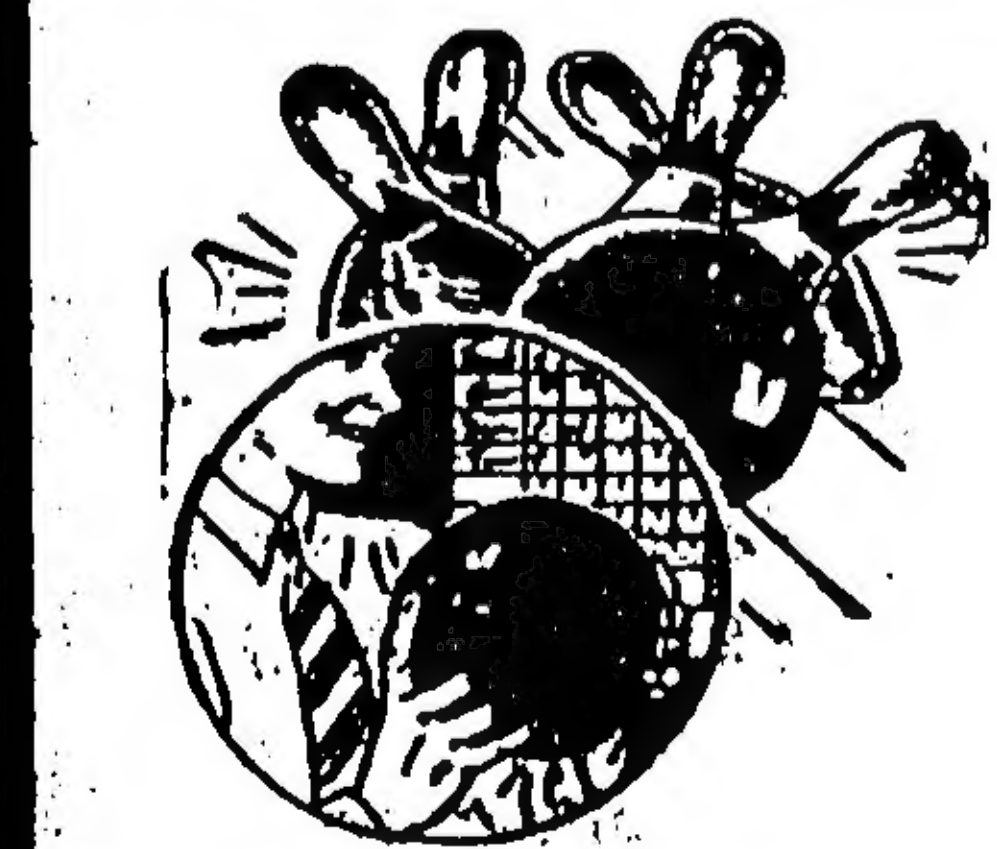
In the third session, George singled, smacked the key-tone cushion, and dented the pentagon on Ozorio's funny bangle, for an other Collegian tally.

In the fifth frame, another Omarman scampered across the pay-off station, when Zinho Gosano tried to make good a delayed throw to first, which went so wide first-sacker Nick Beltrao couldn't have reached with a tent-pole.

### Aces' Only Threat

The only time the Aces looked like breaking the string of early-season Easter eggs, was when centre-gardener Bertie slashed one dead over the middle cushion for a single, and was sacrificed to second on Nick Beltrao's dump. Dicky Alves' slow roller to short advanced Bertie to third, where he died as Johnnie Fonseca tapped one to hurler Frankie Gonzalez, and was flagged at first.

The big gun of the day was Jindoo "Muscle-bound" Hussain, who wiped off the stigma of the label "hitless wonder," with which he was one time dubbed, by lashing the horsehide for a perfect batting mark in his three times at the dish, with three safeties, all



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of which he stretched into doubles. George Souza and Art Ozorio both cuffed a brace of singles in their three chances, to come in for a share of the honours.

### Out Of Fire

In the other Senior tilt, the Chinese Baseballers pulled the game out of the fire, with a five-run upsurge in the fifth frame, to make good a two-run deficit, the game ending 8-4 in favour of the Laumen.

Although issuing free transportation to first to six Islanders, hurler Denham Craty bore down in the piches and whiffed nine Filipinos, yielding two scattered hits, whilst chucker Lefty Ampe allowed 10 safeties, of which two were doubles.

George White and Willie Wilson both connected safely two in four times, the latter including a ringing double, whilst hurler Denham Craty, eluded the other extra-base blow.

The Filipinos dished out the only twin-killing of the fracas, tight gardener Idefonso hauling down Howard Lee's long fly, and begging Stahl off first.

## MINDANAO SOON STRIKE BEST FORM

By "Grandstand"

At the sun-drenched Caroline Hill ballpark on Saturday, the U.S.S. Mindanao nine smartly drubbed a Canadian squad by 18-1 in an early-season practice game.

Mindanao hurler Powlawski, the Pulverising Polack, turned on the heat from the initial chapter and whiffed nine Canadians as he fed them his torrid heaves, mixing speed with curves, whilst losing chucker "Wild" Bill Smith, fanned six Chasemen, but walked no less than ten to first.

Powlawski allowed two safeties, whilst Smith was nicked for 11 blows.

The Mindanaos jumped right into the lead with a four-run start in the initial frame on two singles, assisted by two Maple Leaf bobbles, after two were away.

For four innings the Canadians couldn't reach first base, and it looked like a no-hit shutout, when Pinky Higgins connected for a blooper to short centre, pilfered second and scored on a sacrifice and two wild heaves, to save the Canadians from a whitewashing.

Hammering Smith for four safeties, the Mindanao barking bats pushed six counters over the pan in the sixth, whilst another splurge of five tallies on only one safety in the seventh froze the game for them.

### C.C.C. TEAM FOR VITAL MATCH

The following will represent Craigengower Cricket Club in a Second Division League Cricket match against Kowloon Cricket Club on Saturday, at 2.00 p.m., on the K.C.C. ground:—

A. M. Omar (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, U. H. Esmail, A. B. Hamson, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, E. A. Lee, J. W. Leonard, T. Lock, U. M. Omar and W. K. Way.

## FINAL SENIOR LEAGUE TABLE

	W.	L.	Pctg.
St. Joseph's	12	2	.857
H.K. Baseballers	11	3	.786
Indian Softballers	10	4	.714
Chinese Baseballers	7	7	.500
Cyclones	7	7	.500
Recreio Aces	7	7	.500
Filipinos	2	12	.143
Canadian Chinese	0	14	.000

## INTER-HONG LEAGUE

By "Grandstand"

Playing before a handful of spectators, the Lacas shellacked the Shell Oilers 10-2 to earn a 9-6 victory in the curtain-raiser on the Kowloon Football Club ground.

Both teams played air-tight ball for the first frame, both sides being retired in order, but a couple of Lacas miscues in the second chapter allowed three Shell tallies to cross the pan for a flying start. The Dockyard team, however, slimmed the lead by pushing one marker across in the third, and unleashed a barrage of three safeties for a five-run splurge in the fourth session to take the lead, and clinched the game by producing another cluster of three runs in the last stanza.

### Longest Hits

Madeen Arculli and R. A. "Baby" Abbas both banged in three-baggers for the longest hits of the day.

Skipper Jimmy South had a chance of being the hero of the day, when he strolled up to the platter, with the sacks soused swinging two bats. He only tapped out a feeble roller to hurler Abiong for a fielder's choice, however.

Laca moundman Nazariq fanned three and walked three, whilst Bimby Abiong, who toiled on the hill for the Oilers, walked four without whiffing any.

### Free Hitting

In a friendly tilt, the Texaco Oilers trounced the Cosmopolitan Club nine 7-2 in a friendly tilt, featuring free hitting on both sides. Texacoan short-stop, Johnnie Schaberg, led the parade with a three-base blow and a pair of doubles in four trips to the platter, and Lone Star Ranger Larupin Lawrence, who worked on the slab, was nicked for seven safeties. Cosmopolitan moundmen Blas and Remedios yielded, eight blows.

## EXHIBITION SOFTBALL

At a meeting held yesterday, at the Club Lusitano of representatives of all clubs affiliated to Hong Kong Softball Association, it was decided to stage two exhibition games, on Easter Monday, for the benefit of the Chinese "Warphan" Fund.

The Senior League winners, St. Joseph's, were selected to meet the Stanley Mohawks, whilst the pennant winners in the Ladies' loop, the Wildcats, will engage an All-Star team.

It was revealed at the meeting

## S. CHINA TO TOUR STRAITS

By "Referee"

As the proposed Australian tour has fallen through, and the visit to Manila cancelled owing to the decision of the P.A.A.F. following the unpleasant incidents which followed the Eastern-Y.C.O. game there recently, South China Athletic Association have decided to tour the Straits Settlements and the Federated Malay States during the Summer.

Negotiations have now been completed and the team is expected to leave immediately after the Governor's Cup game. All arrangements have been made in Singapore by Pau Ka-ping, former South China goalkeeper and captain.

At present South China only intend to play in the Straits but it is possible that when there, they may receive invitations to visit Java and other places.

The team will be captained by Lee Wai-tong and will include a number of junior players for the sake of giving them experience.

## NO TENNIS YESTERDAY

Owing to the unfit state of the ground yesterday, caused by the rain, no Championship tennis matches were played.

### TO-DAY'S MATCHES

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme.

#### OPEN SINGLES

George Choa v Tsui Wai-pui (Stand Court).  
Pang Oi-lam v H. D. Rumjahn (8).

#### CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES

J. Stirling Lee (-2/6) v E. R. Childe (plus 1/6) (6).

#### CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES

T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould (-15.2) v G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall (-15.11) (4).

#### CLUB HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES

J. S. Theobald and Mrs. Torrible (-15) v A. H. Barwell and Mrs. Oxlade (-5/6) (3).

### ARMY RUGBY

#### "SEVENS"

The annual Army Seven-a-Side Rugby tournament began yesterday when six first round matches were played at Sookun-poo. The quarter-finals, semi-finals and final will be played at Sookunpoo on Saturday, the first game commencing at 3 p.m.

The following were yesterday's results:—

R. Scots "A" beat 12th Cst. R. A. "B" 9-0.

5th A.A. R.A. "A" beat R. Scots "B" 17-0.

5th R.A. "C" beat M'sex "B" 6-0.

5th R.A. "B" beat M'sex "A" 3-0.

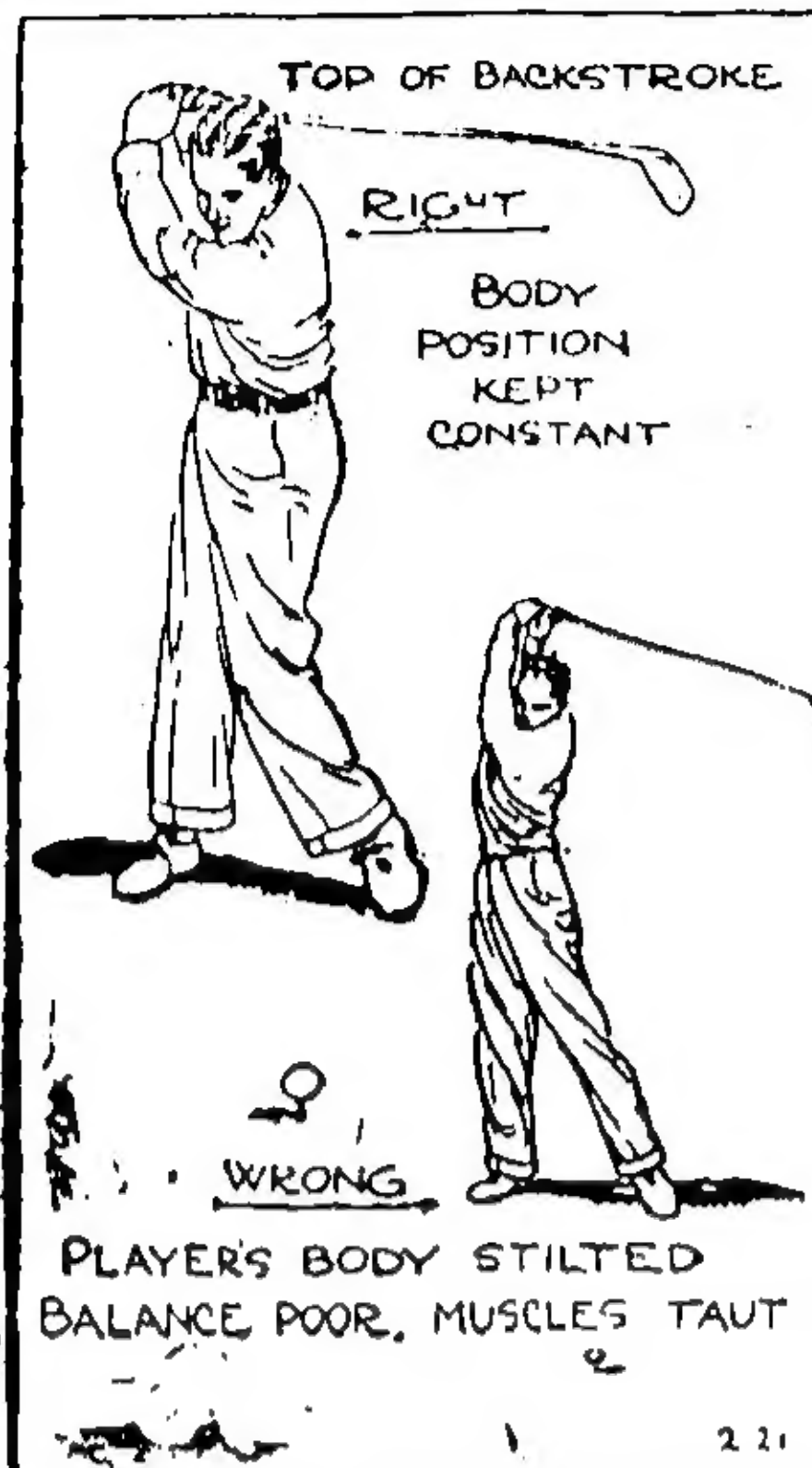
R.A.M.C. beat 8th Cst. R.A. "B" 19-0.

R.E. "A" beat 12th Cst. R.A. "A" 18-0.

R.E. "B" also qualified for the next round, their opponents, 8th Cst. R.A. "A" having withdrawn from the tournament.

that only a limited number of tickets will be sold, and enthusiasts are advised to obtain these at the earliest opportunity to avoid disappointment.

## GRAPHIC GOLF



### The Backstroke

By Best Ball

Many a golfer makes the mistake of thinking that by drawing his body up in the backstroke to a degree that causes a definite sway to the right and a tensing of all the muscles, he is putting himself in the best possible position to put power into his swing. As can be seen from the smaller, lower panel above, such a player is all wrapped up in his effort and it is going to take considerable unwrapping to bring the clubhead back to the ball correctly. Quite likely the weight will remain on the right foot during this effort and cause the player to fall away from the ball at impact.

The larger panel discloses a smoothly executed full backswing, in which the body has turned well around yet its position has remained constant. There is no contortion here, the body can unwind naturally and evenly on the downstroke with the greatest amount of precision.

Next Article: — Relaxing Left Hand Grip may alter Right's Hold On Club.

## MISHAPS AT THE VALLEY

By "Rapier"

Master Li Shiu-fai, son of Mr. Li Po-chun, had a miraculous escape from serious injury this morning.

He was taking out Portrush, belonging to Mr. H. Leigh, which has been entered for the Taiwan Bay Handicap (Second Section) to be run on Saturday, for its preparation gallop. On reaching the mile post the pony turned around and bolted, running back to the stables.

Blocked off by a Russian trainer and a Chinese mafoo in the middle of the grass track, the pony collided with the bamboo fence and Master Li was hurled from the saddle, luckily coming down on his back with his head missing the ground by inches.

Undaunted by the mishap, Master Li later went out on the pony, which was led by a mafoo to the mile post, from where the mile gallop was completed.

Later Mr. R. M. Wood took out Well Done, belong to Mr. R. H. C. for a trot. On reaching the 1-1/2 mile post the pony stumbled and Mr. Wood was unseated although he was completely uninjured and remounted to finish the exercise.

### FOAL RECORD SET

A record number of 6395 foals was registered with the Jockey Club during 1940 states a message from New York.



# EARDLEY AND N.L. SMITH UNFORTUNATE TO LOSE

Patrick Wong And C. Au Only Just Survive

## T.S. Young's Good Win Over Junior Favourite

By "Adrem"

Some of the badminton provided at Kowloon Cricket Club last night was the most spectacular seen in the Colony tournament to date. Of the four matches on the programme, three were protracted affairs and the last match did not finish until after 11 o'clock, almost an hour later than the organisers allowed for.

There was one upset. T. S. Young, last year's runner-up and hitherto the favourite for the Junior Singles, and one near upset, the doubles title-holders, Patrick Wong and C. Au, being exceedingly fortunate to beat Henry Eardley and Norman Smith, general opinion having it that the better couple lost.

Eardley was the first of the four players to settle down and in the first game his fine smashing and well-placed drives enabled him to dominate the court. At this stage neither Wong nor Au were very happy, while Smith, evidently feeling the effects of his gruelling single, could not play the shots that required a delicate touch, although he was smashing well enough.

### Game "Sett"

The initial part of the game was even but the St. John's pair gradually drew away, only to be overhauled once again and the game "sett" after some thrilling exchanges, Eardley and Smith went out at 18-15.

The second game was also very even to start with but after 8-0 had been called, the Chinese pair ran away with the remainder of the game to win easily at 15-10.

The final game was full of surprises. Eardley and Smith ran into a lead of 5-1 but Wong and Au recovered to be within striking distance at the half-way stage. The British pair then took complete command, with both their opponents making numerous errors, and went into a match-winning lead of 13-8. Nothing daunted, Wong and Au, taking advantage of lapses by the British pair due to over-anxiety gradually crept up, eventually to "set" at 13-8 and then go on to lead 4-0.

The match now appeared to be over but Smith and Eardley fought back valiantly, levelled at 4-4 with two services in hand, only to let the opportunity slip.

Thereafter service changed hands three times and rallies were played at bewildering speed until, as an anti-climax, Eardley completely missed the "bird" when going for a half-court return, to leave Wong and Au to fight another day.

### Wrong Tactics

The Chinese pair, who were probably the cleverer combination, might have saved themselves many anxious moments if they had adopted different tactics. With both Eardley and Smith possessed of powerful smashes and drives, it would have paid them to have concentrated on the short game, at which they are usually so adept, and thus, to a great extent, write-off these strokes from their opponents' general offensive. Instead, the champions persisted in driving and smashing and were outmatched. Au was never impressive when smashing from anything further back than mid-court, while Wong was unusually inaccurate, although when his smash did go over it was nearly always an outright point.

As a combination Wong and Au were not convincing and they will have to do very much better if they hope to retain their title.

Eardley and Smith adopted the right tactics from the outset. They employed the side-by-side line-up which enabled them to pick up smashes without losing position, making reasonably sure that all

### Eardley Best Player

Eardley made some bad blunders but was just about the best player on the court. His strokes were very decisive and his placing judicious. Smith served very badly, but his recovery-work was excellent, and it is very probable that had he not played earlier, the title-holders would now be out of the competition.

### Deserving Winner

Young, of whom little has been heard hitherto, took the court last night with a set policy and that policy he pursued to a successful end. Although his short game was accurate, as he showed on the few occasions that he exploited the drop-shot, he concentrated on deep returns that made Smith's devastating smash ineffective. He then outmatched the St. John's player in speed and courtcraft to win a thrilling match.

The first game was even until the half-way stage, when Young went away with comparative ease to win 15-8. Smith started strongly in the second game and

## NEW WARTIME GOLF RULES

A golf club near London has posted the following wartime rules, states a message from London.

"1. The position of known delayed action bombs will be marked by red flags placed at a reasonably but not guaranteed safe distance.

"2. A ball removed by enemy action may be replaced as near as possible to where it lay, or if lost or destroyed, another ball may be dropped not nearer the hole without penalty.

"3. Competitors during gunfire or while bombs are falling, may take cover without penalty."

—United Press.

led 9-4 Young was level at 9-11 but could not complete his recovery and Smith levelled the games.

The final game was once again ding-dong, but after Young had been down 1-5, he gradually wore his opponent down to go on and win 15-12.

Other matches were uninteresting. Oliveira and Carvalho were no match for Choy and Low, and the junior doubles was of a very low standard, although the Rectein pair did well to turn an apparently certain loss into a last-minute victory.

### RESULTS

Following are the results of matches played in the Badminton Championship yesterday.

#### JUNIOR SINGLES

T. S. Young beat N. L. Smith, 15-8, 11-15, 15-12.

#### JUNIOR DOUBLES

C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier beat P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu, 11-15, 15-7, 18-17.

#### SENIOR DOUBLES

K. W. Choy and K. B. Low beat M. Oliveira and L. A. Carvalho, 15-8, 15-5.

## NEW SCORING SYSTEM FOR BOWLS LEAGUE

A new method of league lawn bowls scoring on similar lines to the system in Shanghai was adopted at the annual meeting of the Lawn Bowls Association yesterday when Sir Atholl MacGregor, Vice-President, presided.

The new method of scoring will award an aggregate of five points to each league game, the winners on the aggregate number of shots for all three rinks winning two of these points, and each winning rink scoring a point.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—

President, Sir Atholl MacGregor,  
Vice-President, Mr. J. A. Fraser,  
Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. P. Phillips,  
Hon. Treasurer, Mr. L. A. Gutierrez.

Mr. Phillips read the following letter from the bowls representative of Club de Recreio:

"I am directed by my Committee to place before the annual meeting for their consideration, the following proposals:

1.—That the present method of scoring league points be abandoned and in its stead a total of five points be at stake in every match as follows:—Two points for a win on aggregate number of shots; one point for each winning rink.

2.—That the composition of the first and second divisions be limited to eight teams each and third division, if too unwieldy, be split into two sections or alternatively, have a fourth division.

"This latter proposition, besides making reasonably sure that all

important fixtures are completed by the end of August, will provide ample time for the open and club championships to be played before the interest in bowls begins to decline."

In pointing out the advantages of this scoring system, the Chairman, Sir Atholl MacGregor, said that in comparison with the old system it would be a more accurate reflection of the actual state of the game.

Sir Atholl, in his opening remarks, conveyed to the meeting the apologies of the retiring President of the Association, Mr. G. S. Archbutt, who was unable to attend, and congratulated the various winning clubs and teams on their successful showing in the past lawn bowls season.

There was no Lawn Bowls Interport last year, Sir Atholl said, and no likelihood of an Interport this year. There was, however, no reason, he thought, that all the usual competitions and leagues be not continued this season as previously.

It was decided that Saturday, May 3, be the opening day of the new League season, and that Wednesday, April 10, be the closing date for entries and the nomination of club representatives.

It was decided that the Association grant \$100 this year to the Children's Playgrounds Association.

The meeting was concluded by the adoption of a proposal that all unfinished games in the Lawn Bowls League this season, in which not more than 30 heads have been played, be entirely replayed on the first mutually convenient Sunday or public holiday.

### BASKETBALL

Two basketball games in aid of the Y.M.C.A. Relief Committee were staged yesterday at Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A.

Hong Kong A.R.P. girls were defeated by the visiting Macao All Stars 26-39. In the boys' game Hong Kong Pui Ying School smashed the Macao All Stars 60-38.

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# GREEK OFFENSIVE ON THE ALBANIAN FRONT

## Strong Attack Meets With Exceptional Success

### Italian Lines Taken By Storm

THE OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS BEGUN BY THE GREEK TROOPS ON THE ALBANIAN FRONT ON MONDAY CONTINUE WITH "EXCEPTIONAL SUCCESS," ACCORDING TO LATEST REPORTS FROM THE FRONT, SAYS ATHENS RADIO LAST NIGHT.

The announcer continued: "In the early hours of Monday, after artillery preparation, our forces launched a strong attack. The violence of our action was so great that enemy fortified positions, barbed wire entanglements and machine-gun nests were annihilated.

"The enemy was chased out of his positions and suffered a real debacle in men and material. The struggle continued throughout the day.

"The Italians left dead and wounded and war material on the battlefield and prisoners in our hands."

#### Sweeping Advance

Describing the attack, the correspondent at the front of the Athens newspaper "Estia" says: "Greek infantry detachments fell upon the enemy with tempestuous violence.

"Fortified works, machine-gun posts and several lines of trenches were captured at the point of the bayonet in a sweeping charge.

"Our troops then occupied and reorganised these Italian positions. Prisoners were taken in big

numbers, together with plentiful stores and ammunition. "Italian casualties in killed and wounded were heavy."—Reuter.

### ENGLAND'S RAID CASUALTIES

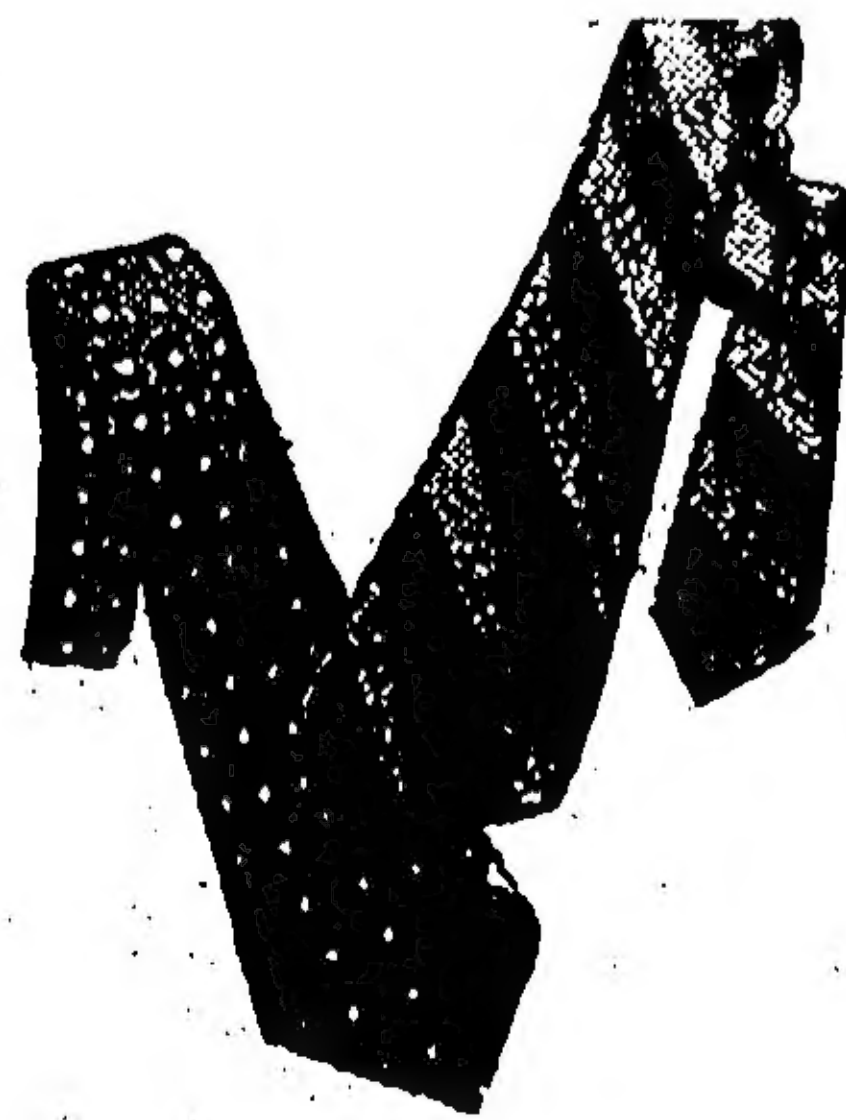
Air raid casualties in Britain during March totalled 4,259 civilians killed and 5,557 injured and detained in hospital, the Minister of Home Security announced yesterday. —Reuter.

Of the killed 1,956 were men, 1,500 women and 598 children under 16, and of the injured 3,067 were men, 2,077 women and 433 children. Remaining 295 persons killed are not classified. —British Wireless.

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### MATSUOKA'S MOSCOW VISIT PROLONGED?

Mr. Matsuoka, who was scheduled to leave Moscow on Thursday for Tokyo, is now to stay in the Soviet capital until Easter Sunday, according to an official German news agency despatch from Moscow yesterday. —Reuter.

## N.Y.K. MANAGER FOUND HANGED

A verdict of suicide was recorded at the inquest on Mr. Hiroji Uemura, manager of the N.Y.K. in Bombay, who was found dead at his residence.

It was revealed at the inquest that the body was discovered hanging in the bathroom of the flat occupied by Mr. Uemura. The doctor also deposed that it was a distinct case of hanging.

Evidence in regard to the reasons for suicide was not submitted and the coroner, addressing the jury, said the law did not require them to find out anything more than this.

He added: "We have nothing to do with the question why he committed suicide." The jury returned a unanimous verdict of suicide by hanging.

#### Police Search

Inquiries revealed that two Parsi employees of the N.Y.K. were arrested under the Defence of India Rules a few days ago on a charge of the collection of shipping information useful to the enemy, following which the police searched the N.Y.K. office on Saturday. —Reuter.

## SHEUNGSHUI MYSTERY

HUNTERS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ARE BELIEVED TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF AN UNIDENTIFIED CHINESE, ABOUT 40 YEARS OLD, WHOSE BODY WAS FOUND ON A HILLSIDE NEAR SAN UK LING VILLAGE, SHEUNGSHUI DISTRICT, LAST FRIDAY.

An examination of the body revealed two bullet-slugs in the back of the head apparently having been discharged from a large game hunting gun.

The police theory is that the man had been accidentally shot by hunters.

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## TORTOISE MISSING

The disappearance of a large tortoise, owned by Mr. S. T. Williamson, of Messrs. Williamson and Company, was reported to the Police yesterday, by Mr. Williamson's gardener.

Said to be "lost, stolen or strayed," the tortoise was the mate of another, both reared for the last five or six years by the owner.

When Mr. Williamson left for office yesterday morning, both tortoises were on view, but at 11 a.m., when the gardener did his daily round, he noticed the disappearance.

The garden was carefully searched and also the neighbourhood, but no trace of the missing tortoise was found.

## BAN ON MAIL NOTICES

It is officially announced that the issue of the Post Office Inward and Outward Mail Notices, except in the case of direct Air Mails, will be discontinued as from today, and no enquiries of any nature, i.e. personally, by telephone or by letter, as to the time of closing or receipt of any particular mail can be entertained.

## FREE FRENCH IN SALONIKA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") It was disclosed in London yesterday that Free French forces under General De Gaulle have landed in Salonika.

It is stated that the troops comprise only a small force and that more will join their British comrades in Greece after emerging victorious from the African campaign. —International News Service.

## GERMANS PINNED ON BULGARIAN BORDER

(Continued from Page 1)

Nothing reliable is known of the military situation in Southern Yugoslavia, but Belgrade Radio states that the Yugoslav High Command communique announces successful resistance in all vital sectors.

#### Nearing Nish?

In Istanbul yesterday, it was reported without confirmation, that German troops appeared to be approaching Nish, vital crossroads commanding the upper Vardar Valley.

It is understood that the Yugoslav Government has been established at Cacak, 60 miles south of Belgrade, and an important town strategically.

#### German Claim

In Berlin last night, it was claimed that German troops had captured a line of pill-boxes on

## QUIET ROUND BRITISH COAST

One enemy fighter was shot down in the Channel yesterday.

A few bombs were dropped on the East Anglian coast at midday, causing little damage and no casualties, states the Air Ministry.

There was no alert in London up to a late hour last night. —Reuter.

## ILLUSTRIOUS AWARDS

SIX OFFICERS OF THE AIRCRAFT-CARRIER ILLUSTRIOUS HAVE BEEN DECORATED FOR "GALLANT SERVICES AGAINST ENEMY AIRCRAFT," ACCORDING TO LAST NIGHT'S "LONDON GAZETTE."

Illustrious was hit seven times when dive-bombed in the Mediterranean during January but succeeded in reaching base.

One officer receives the D.S.O. and one receives a bar to this decoration, while the remaining four receive the D.S.C.—Reuter.

## STOP PRESS

According to an unconfirmed report from Turkey, the Germans have occupied Alexandroupolis, on the Aegean Sea, four miles west of the Turkish frontier. —Reuter.

The point is in the extreme east of Thrace, which has long been evacuated by the Greeks for obvious strategic reasons.

The cholera outbreak seems to be coming under control. Only six cases were notified yesterday — one from Victoria, three from Kowloon and two from Shaan-kiwan.

the Greek front and that Yugoslav-Greek railway communications had been shattered by air attack. Announcing a further raid on Belgrade, the statement described the capital as a "smoky and deserted city." —International News Service.

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